

Gray Skies

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NEW YORK (AP) — Flight delays piled up all across America on Monday as thousands of air traffic controllers were forced to take an unpaid day off because of federal budget cuts, providing the most visible impact yet of Congress and the White House's failure to agree on a long-term deficit-reduction plan.

The Federal Aviation Administration kept planes on the ground because there weren't enough controllers to monitor busy air corridors. Cascading delays at some of the busiest U.S. airports held up many flights into New York, Baltimore and Washington by more than two hours.

In the morning, the delays were so bad that passengers on several Washington-New York shuttle flights could have reached their destination faster by taking the train.

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The air traffic control tower at Miami International Airport in Miami, Monday April 22, 2013. Sunday was the first day air traffic controllers were subject to furloughs resulting from government spending cuts. (AP Photo/Alan Diaz)

Northern Exposure



Police arrest 2 in al-Qaida linked Canada plot

Assistant Commissioner James Maliza, officer in charge of Federal Policing Operations, center, is flanked by Chief Superintendent Gaetan Courchesne, Royal Canadian Mounted Police criminal operations officer in the province of Quebec, left, and Chief Superintendent Jennifer Strachan RCMP criminal operations officer in the province of Ontario at a press conference in Toronto on Monday, April 22, 2013 as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police announce the arrest of two men accused of plotting a terror attack on rail target.

(AP Photo/Chris Young)

TORONTO (AP) — Two men were arrested and charged with plotting a terrorist attack against a Canadian passenger train with support from al-Qaida elements in Iran, police said Monday.

The case bolstered allegations by some governments and experts of a relationship of convenience between Shiite-led Iran and the predominantly Sunni Arab terrorist network. Chiheb Esseghaier, 30, and Raed Jaser, 35, had "direction and guidance" from al-Qaida members in Iran, though there was no reason to think the planned attacks were state-sponsored, RCMP Assistant Commissioner James Maliza said. Police said the men did not get financial

support from al-Qaida, but declined to provide more details.

"This is the first known al-Qaida planned attack that we've experienced in Canada," Superintendent Doug Best told a news conference. Officials in Washington and Toronto said it had no connections to last week's bombings at the marathon in Boston.

The arrests in Montreal and Toronto raised questions about Iran's murky relationship with the terrorist network. Bruce Riedel, a CIA veteran who is now a Brookings Institution senior fellow, said al-Qaida has had a clandestine presence in Iran since at least 2001 and that neither the terror group nor Tehran speak openly about it.

"The Iranian regime kept some of these elements under house arrest," he said in an email to The Associated Press. "Some probably operate covertly."

AQ members often transit Iran traveling between hideouts in Pakistan and Iraq."

U.S. intelligence officials have long tracked limited al-Qaida activity inside Iran. Remnants of al-Qaida's so-called management council are still there, though they are usually kept under virtual house arrest by an Iranian regime suspicious of the Sunni/Salafi-based militant movement. There are also a small number of financiers and facilitators who help move money, and sometimes weapons and people throughout the

region from their base in Iran.

Last fall, the Obama administration offered up to \$12 million in rewards for information leading to the capture of two al-Qaida leaders based in Iran. The U.S. State Department described them as key facilitators in sending extremists to Iraq and Afghanistan. The U.S. Treasury Department also announced financial penalties against one of the men.

Alireza Miryousefi, spokesman for the Iranian mission to the United Nations, said the terrorist network was not operating in Iran. "Iran's position against this group is very clear and well known."

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Italian president chastises country's politicians

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ROME (AP) — Italian President Giorgio Napolitano, sworn in Monday for an unprecedented second term at the age of 87, chastised lawmakers for their inadequate response to the country's economic crisis and urged them to form a new government "without delay." While growing emotional over "the trust

and affection I have seen grow toward me and the institution I represent," Napolitano also was stern in his rebuke of lawmakers for having failed to reform the flawed election law and for falling into political paralysis. Napolitano told the parties that called him to serve again as president that they would be held accountable if they don't forge alliances and poli-

cies to pull the eurozone's third-largest economy out of recession and put it back on the path of financial reforms and growth. "I have a duty to be frank. If I find myself again facing the deafness of those with whom I have clashed in the past, I will not hesitate to hold them accountable before the country," Napolitano said. The strong remarks reflected his enhanced standing now

that he has acceded to lawmakers' wishes for a second term after they failed in multiple votes to back a new figure for president. Napolitano, facing a seven-year term, said he would serve "as long as the situation in the country ... requires, and strength allows me." Stefano Folli, a political analyst at *il Sole 24 Ore* business daily said the remarks had a "clarity and hardness without prece-

dent." "This is the speech of a president well aware of not only his constitutional powers, but his political powers, in relation to a political class that has substantially failed," Folli said on Sky TG 24. "The president has an authority over and influence on politicians he has never had before."

Among his constitutional powers, the president can dissolve Parliament and tap a premier-designate to form a new government. Napolitano made clear he wanted to see a new government formed as quickly as possible. He noted that the constitution requires a government that enjoys a majority in both houses, which no party can claim after elections two months ago — implying the necessity of a coalition. Consultations are to start again Tuesday. Napolitano was re-elected Saturday after politicians failed to find a new presidential candidate who could win a majority of Parliament and regional voters. The divisive process resulted in the implosion of the center-left Democratic Party, whose leader resigned. It also galvanized the anti-establishment 5-Star Movement, which wants to send the political class packing and had backed a constitutional expert with center-left credentials for the presidency. Voter malaise was evident in regional elections Sunday and Monday in northeastern Friuli-Venezia Giulia. Voter turnout declined to 50 percent from 72 percent in the last regional election. The Democratic Party's Debora Serracchiani led the race for regional president, but said the low turnout "imposes the obligation of reflection." Investors were relieved by the re-election of the widely respected Napolitano. The main stock index in Milan closed up 1.66 percent, the strongest gain in Europe. Italy's government borrowing rates fell in bond markets, suggesting greater investor confidence in the country's financial future. □



Cuirassier presidential guards line up prior to the arrival of Italian President Giorgio Napolitano to pay homage to the Unknown Soldier Monument in Rome, Monday, April 22, 2013. President Giorgio Napolitano headed Monday into his unprecedented second term with the daunting task of trying to find a candidate who can form a government two months after national elections left Italy with no clear winner and an increasingly discredited political class. (AP Photo/Andrew Medichini)

EU lifts Syria oil embargo to bolster rebels

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LUXEMBOURG (AP) — The European Union on Monday lifted its oil embargo on Syria to provide more economic support to the forces fighting to oust President Bashar Assad's regime. The decision will allow for crude exports from rebel-held territory, the import of oil and gas production technology, and investments in the Syrian oil industry, the EU said in a statement. Any export or investment initiatives will be taken in close coordination with the

leaders of the Syrian opposition, the bloc's 27 foreign ministers decided at a meeting in Luxembourg. The move marks the first relaxing of EU sanctions on Syria in two years as governments try to help ease shortages of vital supplies in areas held by the opposition in the civil war-struck Arab state. "We wish for good economic development in the areas controlled by the opposition, therefore we lift the sanctions that hinder the moderate opposition forces' work," German Foreign Minister Guido Westerwelle said ahead of the

meeting. The oil exports could open an important revenue stream for Syria's opposition, even though it is still unclear when and how much crude could be exported. EU officials hinted the move was in part aimed at laying the legal groundwork to get investment and crude flowing rapidly as soon as the security situation on the ground improves. "The security situation is so difficult that much of this will be difficult to do, but it is important for us to send the signal that we are open to helping in other ways, in all the ways possible,"

British Foreign Secretary William Hague said. While Syria was never one of the world's major oil exporters, the sector was a pillar of Syria's economy until the uprising, with the country producing about 380,000 barrels a day and exports — almost exclusively to Europe — bringing in more than \$3 billion in 2010. Oil revenues provided around a quarter of the funds for the national budget. Being able to take advantage of the country's oil resources will help the Syrian uprising "big time," said Osama Kadi, a senior member of the Syrian opposition. □

Police arrest 2 in al-Qaida linked Canada plot



Royal Canadian Mounted Police Sgt. Laporte walks with Mohammad Shaied Sheikh of the Masjid el Noor Mosque after attending a news conference in Toronto, Monday, April 22, 2013, as the Royal Canadian Mounted Police announce the arrest of two men accused of plotting a terror attack on rail target.

(AP Photo/Chris Young)

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(Al-Qaida) has no possibility to do any activity inside Iran or conduct any operation abroad from Iran's territory," Miryousefi said in a statement emailed to the AP late Monday. "We re-

ject strongly and categorically any connection to this story."

The investigation surrounding the planned attack was part of a cross-border operation involving Canadian law enforcement

agencies, the FBI and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The attack "was definitely in the planning stage but not imminent," RCMP chief superintendent Jennifer Strachan said Monday.

"We are alleging that these two individuals took steps and conducted activities to initiate a terrorist attack. They watched trains and railways."

Strachan said they were targeting a route, but did not say whether it was a cross border route. Best said the duo had been under investigation since last fall. Their bail hearing was scheduled in Toronto on Tuesday. Via Rail said that "at no time" were passengers or members of the public in imminent danger. Via trains Canada's equivalent of Amtrak carry nearly four million passengers annually.

In Washington, Amtrak president Joe Boardman said the Amtrak Police Department would continue to work with Canadian authorities to assist in the investigation. Via Rail and Amtrak jointly operate trains between Canada and the U.S.

Rep. Peter King, R-N.Y., said in a statement praising Canadian authorities for the arrests, that the attack was intended "to cause signifi-

cant loss of human life including New Yorkers."

Charges against the two men include conspiring to carry out an attack and murder people in association with a terrorist group. Police said the men are not Canadian citizens, said they had been in Canada a "significant amount of time," and declined to say where they were from or why they were in the country.

Muhammad Robert Heft, who runs an outreach organization for Islamic converts, and Hussein Hamdani, a lawyer and longtime advocate in the Muslim community, said one of the suspects is Tunisian and the other is from the United Arab Emirates. Both were part of a group of Muslim community leaders who were briefed by the RCMP ahead of Monday's announcement.

Authorities were tipped off by members of the community of one of the suspects, Best said, without expanding.

A spokeswoman for the University of Sherbrooke near Montreal said Esseghaier studied there in 2008-2009. More recently, he has been doing doctoral research at the Institut national de la recherche scientifique, a spokeswoman at the training university confirmed. Julie Martineau, a spokeswoman at the research institute, said Esseghaier began working at the center just outside Montreal in 2010 and was pursuing a PhD in nanotechnology. "We are, of course, very surprised," she said. A LinkedIn page showing a man with Esseghaier's name and academic background helped author a number of biology research papers, including on HIV and cancer detection. The page carries a photo of a black flag inscribed with the Islamic declaration of faith, and says he was born in Tunisia. The arrests just a few months after two Canadians were discovered among militants killed in a terrorist siege at a gas plant in Algeria. □

China:

New North Korea nuclear test possible

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BEIJING (AP) — China's top general said a fourth North Korean nuclear weapons test is a possibility that underscores the need for fresh talks between Pyongyang and other regional parties.

Chief of the General Staff Gen. Fang Fenghui said Beijing firmly opposes the North's nuclear weapons program and wants to work with others on negotiations to end it. He said Beijing's preference is for a return to long-stalled disarmament talks involving the two Koreas, China, Russia, Japan and the U.S.

"We ask all sides to work actively to work on the North Koreans to stop nuclear tests and stop producing nuclear weapons," Fang told reporters. "We believe

that dialogue should be the right solution."

Fang offered no indication as to when Beijing thought a test might happen or give other details.

His comments Monday followed a meeting with Gen. Martin Dempsey, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, whose first visit to China in that position comes amid heightened tensions between Pyongyang, South Korea and the U.S.

North Korea has been threatening to attack the U.S. and South Korea over recent military drills and sanctions imposed as punishment for its third nuclear test in February. Pyongyang calls the annual drills a rehearsal for invasion. South Korean officials have said the North is poised to test-fire a medium-range missile capable of reach-

ing the American territory of Guam. China is North Korea's most important diplomatic ally, main trading partner, and a key source of food and fuel aid. Yet while Beijing signed on to tougher U.N. sanctions fol-

lowing the February test, it says it has limited influence with Pyongyang and Fang declined to say whether Beijing would adopt tougher measures to pressure the North into reducing tensions. □



U.S. Joint Chiefs Chairman Gen. Martin Dempsey, left, shakes hands with Chinese counterpart Gen. Fang Fenghui during their press briefing at the Bayi Building in Beijing, China Monday, April 22, 2013.

(AP Photo/Andy Wong)

Boston bomb suspect charged; religious motive seen

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BOSTON (AP) — The two brothers suspected of bombing the Boston Marathon appear to have been motivated by a radical brand of Islam but do not seem connected to any Muslim terrorist groups, U.S. officials said Monday after interrogating and charging Dzhokhar Tsarnaev with crimes that could bring the death penalty. Tsarnaev, 19, was charged in his hospital room, where he was in serious condition with a gunshot wound to the throat and other injuries suffered during his attempted getaway. His older brother, Tamerlan, 26, died Friday after a fierce gunbattle with police. The Massachusetts university student was charged with using and conspiring to use a weapon of mass destruction. He was accused of joining with his brother in setting off the shrapnel-packed pressure-cooker bombs that killed three people and wounded more than 200 a week ago.

The brothers, ethnic Chechens from Russia who had been living in the U.S. for about a decade, practiced Islam. Two U.S. officials said preliminary evidence from the younger man's interrogation suggests the brothers were motivated by religious extremism but were apparently not involved with Islamic terrorist organizations. Dzhokhar communicated with his interrogators in writing, precluding the type of back-and-forth exchanges often crucial to establishing key facts, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly. They cautioned that they were still trying to verify what they were told by Tsarnaev and were looking at such things as his telephone and online communications and his associations with others. In the criminal complaint

outlining the allegations, investigators said Tsarnaev and his brother each placed a knapsack containing a bomb in the crowd near the finish line of the world's most presti-

gious marathon. The FBI said surveillance-camera footage showed Dzhokhar manipulating his mobile phone and lifting it to his ear just instants before the two blasts.

After the first blast, a block away from Dzhokhar, "virtually every head turns to the east ... and stares in that direction in apparent bewilderment and alarm," the complaint says.

Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, "virtually alone of the individuals in front of the restaurant, appears calm." He then quickly walked away, leaving a knapsack on the ground; about 10 seconds later, a bomb blew up at the spot where he had been standing, the FBI said.

The FBI did not say whether he was using his cellphone to detonate one or both of the bombs or whether he was talking to someone. The criminal complaint shed no light on the motive for the attack.

The Obama administration said it had no choice but to prosecute Dzhokhar Tsarnaev in the federal court system. Some politicians had suggested he be tried as an enemy combatant in front of a military tribunal, where defendants are denied some of the usual constitutional protections. But Tsarnaev is a naturalized U.S. citizen, and under U.S. law, American citizens cannot be tried by military tribunals, White House spokesman Jay Carney said. Carney said that since Sept. 11, 2001, the federal court system has been used to convict and imprison hundreds of terrorists.

Shortly after the charges were unveiled, Boston-area residents and many of their well-wishers — including President Barack Obama at the White House — observed a moment of silence at 2:49 p.m. Eastern (1849 GMT) — the moment a week earlier when the bombs exploded.

Across Massachusetts, the silence was broken by the tolling of church bells. "God bless the people of Massachusetts," said Gov. Deval Patrick at a ceremony outside the Statehouse. "Boston Strong."

Also Monday, the governor and Roman Catholic Cardinal Sean O'Malley were among the mourners at St. Joseph Church at the first funeral for one of the victims, Krystle Campbell. The 29-year-old restaurant manager had gone to watch a friend finish the race. □



This combination of undated file photos shows Tamerlan Tsarnaev, 26, left, and Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, 19, the two brothers suspected in the Boston Marathon bombings. (AP Photo/Robin Young)

Mosque: Boston Bomb suspect had outbursts

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CAMBRIDGE, Mass.
setts (AP) — When preachers told congregants at a mosque in November that it was appropriate for Muslims to celebrate U.S. holidays such as the July 4 Independence Day and Thanksgiving, a man who would later be a suspect in last week's the Boston Marathon bombing stood up to argue, the mosque said. The Islamic Society of Boston Cultural Center on Monday told about that outburst by Tamerlan Tsarnaev and provided more details on a second one two months later that the group had previously described.

The group said in its statement that Tsarnaev, who was pronounced dead on Friday after a shootout with police, was not a member of its Cambridge mosque but sometimes attended Friday services and daily prayers over the last year

or so. His younger brother, Dzhokhar, who was captured Friday and charged Monday with conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction, showed up sometimes for prayers, the group said.

Two U.S. officials told The Associated Press on Monday that the brothers were motivated by religion but appear not to be tied to any Islamic terrorist groups. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the investigation publicly.

Both mosque incidents happened after the older brother returned from a months-long trip to Russia last year. An aunt there said he was studying Islam but struggled to fit in. The troublesome behavior first came in November, just before the American harvest holiday of Thanksgiving, the mosque said. At a weekly prayer, a preacher gave a sermon

saying it was appropriate for Muslims to celebrate American holidays. Tamerlan Tsarnaev stood up and argued that "celebration of any holiday was not allowed in the faith."

The preacher met with Tsarnaev and discussed the issue after the service. In January, the mosque said Tsarnaev had a similar outburst. This time, the sermon included praise for civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., and this time Tsarnaev shouted, calling the preacher a "non-believer" and "hypocrite" who was "contaminating people's minds." Congregants shouted back at him, telling him to leave, and he did. Later, volunteer leaders of the mosque met with him and told him that he would not be welcome at service if he interrupted again. The group said he continued attending sometimes and did not cause any more problems. □

Flight delays piling up amid US budget cuts

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Nearly a third of flights at New York's LaGuardia airport scheduled to take off before 3 p.m. were delayed 15 minutes or more, according to flight-tracking service FlightAware. Last Monday, just 6 percent of LaGuardia's flights were delayed.

The situation was similar at Washington's Reagan National Airport, in Newark, New Jersey, and in Philadelphia with roughly 20 percent of flights delayed. Monday is typically one of the busiest days at airports with many high-paying business travelers departing for a week on the road. The FAA's controller cuts — a 10 percent reduction of its staff — went into effect Sunday. The full force was not felt until Monday morning.

The shortage of controllers could persist for months, raising the risk of a turbulent summer travel season. And it could exacerbate



Travelers stand in line at Los Angeles International airport in Los Angeles Monday, April 22, 2013. It was a tough start to the week for many air travelers. Flight delays piled up Monday as thousands of air traffic controllers were forced to take an unpaid day off because of federal budget cuts.

(AP Photo/Damian Dovarganes)

weather problems, especially spring and summer thunderstorms.

There's no way for passengers to tell in advance

which airport or flights will experience delays.

Many flights heading to Florida were seeing delays of up to an hour. By late Monday, delays into Los Angeles were expected to average three hours.

FAA officials have said they have no choice but to furlough all 47,000 agency employees — including nearly 15,000 controllers — because the agency's budget is dominated by salaries. Each employee

will lose one day of work every other week. The FAA has said that planes will have to take off and land less frequently, so as not to overload the remaining controllers on duty.

Critics have said the FAA could reduce its budget in other spots that wouldn't delay travelers.

"There's a lot finger-pointing going on, but the simple truth is that it is Congress's job to fix this," said Rep. Rick Larsen, a Washington Democrat and member of the House aviation panel. "Flight delays are just the latest example of how the sequester is damaging the economy and hurting families across the country."

Some travel groups have warned that the disruptions could hurt the economy.

"If these disruptions unfold as predicted, business travelers will stay home, severely impacting not only the travel industry but the economy overall," the Global Business Travel Association warned the head of the FAA, Michael P. Huerta, in a letter Friday. □

Iraq vet pleads guilty to killing fellow soldiers

JOINT BASE LEWIS-MCCHORD, Washington (AP)

— An Army sergeant pleaded guilty Monday to killing four other soldiers and a Navy officer in 2009 at mental health clinic in Baghdad during the Iraq War, describing how he gunned down the men and saying he was in a "rage" when he began his rampage.

The plea agreement in a military court at Joint Base Lewis-McChord means Sgt. John Russell will avoid the death sentence. His maximum sentence would be a life term. He testified Monday to persuade Army judge Col. David Conn to accept the agreement. Conn agreed.

Russell went on a shooting spree at the Camp Liberty Combat Stress Center near Baghdad in May 2009. It was one of the worst instances of soldier-on-soldier violence in the Iraq

war.

In court, Russell said he was in a "rage" when he opened fire.

"I wanted the pain to stop," he testified in court at Joint Base Lewis-McChord, talking in a husky voice. He read a written statement detailing his memories of the killings.

Russell was nearing the end of his third tour when his behavior changed, members of his unit testified in 2009. They said he became more distant in the days before the May 11, 2009, attack and that he seemed paranoid that his unit was trying to end his career.

On May 8, Russell sought help at a combat stress clinic at Camp Stryker, where his unit was located. On May 10, Russell was referred to the Camp Liberty clinic, where he received counseling and prescription medication. □

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Senators at immigration hearing clash over Boston bombings

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WASHINGTON — After months of heated and fraught negotiations, a bipartisan group of eight senators finally achieved compromise, coming together to unveil a broad overhaul of the nation's immigration laws. But at a Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on the legislation Monday, a new set of divisions began to emerge, offering an early glimpse at the partisan politics likely to be on display as the immigration bill winds its way through the Senate.

At the marathon session that featured testimony from 23 individuals, both lawmakers and witnesses raised charged questions. Could an immigration overhaul be done in separate pieces, without including a path to citizenship? What protections, if any, do same-sex couples deserve? How should the Boston bombings affect the immigration debate? The tempers of legislators flared, and at one point the hearing needed to be gavelled back to order.

The committee chairman, Sen. Patrick J. Leahy, D-Vt., took issue with conservative commentators and Republican lawmakers who

suggested that any debate about an immigration overhaul should take into account that the two suspects in the Boston bombing emigrated to the United States from Kyrgyzstan. "Last week, opponents of comprehensive immigration reform began to exploit the Boston Marathon bombing," Leahy said. "Let no one be so cruel as to try to use the heinous acts of these two young men last week to derail the dreams and futures of millions of hard-working people."

At the committee's first hearing to review the new legislation Friday, Sen. Charles E. Grassley of Iowa, the ranking Republican on the committee, said immigration changes should be done carefully, "particularly in light of all that's happening in Massachusetts right now and over the last week."

(On Monday, Sen. Rand Paul, R-Ky., seemed to underscore the concerns of some Republicans when he sent a letter to Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the majority leader, arguing that in light of the Boston bombings, "We should not proceed until we understand the specific failures of our immigration system.")

The mood quickly turned



Sen. Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.), the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee, speaks with Sen. Chuck Grassley (R-Iowa) during a hearing in the Hart Senate Office Building in Washington, April 22, 2013. The Senate Judiciary Committee held a hearing on immigration legislation Monday.

(Christopher Gregory/The New York Times)

tense when Sen. Charles E. Schumer, D-N.Y., a member of the bipartisan group that drafted the new immigration legislation, seemed to criticize his fellow senators, who, he said, "are pointing to what happened, the terrible tragedy in Boston, as, I would say, an excuse for not doing a bill or delaying it many months or years."

"I never said that!" Grassley said, raising his voice and leaning forward in his chair

to look at Schumer. "I never said that!"

"I don't mean you, Mr. Grassley," Schumer said, as Sen. Jeff Sessions, R-Ala., accused Schumer of "demeaning the witnesses," and Leahy banged his gavel to restore order in the hearing room.

The two brothers suspected of perpetrating the bombings came to the United States through the existing legal immigration system,

under a 2002 asylum petition by their father, who said he was worried about his safety because of his activities in Chechnya. One of the brothers had become a naturalized citizen, and the other was in the country legally on a visa, though his citizenship was still under review after a routine background check revealed that he had been interviewed by the FBI in 2011. □

Police: Seattle man kills girlfriend, three others

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Associated Press

FEDERAL WAY, Washington (AP) — A man fatally shot his live-in girlfriend at an apartment south of Seattle and then killed three others, including a 62-year-old neighbor who called police and retreated inside his unit before the gunman broke down the door with a shotgun and opened fire, authorities said.

The 28-year-old suspect was shot by responding officers and died at the scene. Police encountered a chaotic situation in Federal Way on Sunday night when they responded to multiple reports of gun shots. Federal Way Police Chief Brian Wilson said at a



A police officer carries a shotgun and what appears to be a shell casing as officers collect evidence from the scene of an overnight shooting that left five people dead, including a suspect who was shot by arriving officers, at an apartment complex in Federal Way, Wash., early Monday, April 22, 2013. Federal Way Police Cmdr. Kyle Sumpter confirmed Monday that the shotgun pictured was used by the suspect in the shooting.

(AP Photo/Ted S. Warren)

news conference Monday that the suspect confronted officers with a shotgun in a stairwell when they first arrived. They shot at the suspect, Wilson said, but the man fled to a nearby parking lot. There, Wilson said they found him on the ground. When they approached him again he reached for a handgun, and Wilson said police again shot him. "This is one of the most dangerous ... calls for law enforcement to respond to," Wilson said of the active shooter situation. Neither the suspect nor the victims have been identified. Wilson said the victims were the suspect's 25-year-old girlfriend, and three men, ages 24, 46 and

62. Police were still piecing together information, but believe the suspect shot his girlfriend in the unit they shared and left the apartment. "We believe this is a domestic violence homicide," Wilson said.

The suspect then confronted two men, the 24-year-old and 46-year-old, argued with them and fatally shot them both, authorities said. The relationship between the suspect and those two men wasn't clear. The 62-year-old man had heard the commotion from another apartment in the building, Wilson said, went outside to investigate then retreated inside his residence to call police. □ Wilson said the suspect

New Mexico horse meat facility close to operation

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Amid the unfolding horse-meat scandal, a New Mexico slaughterhouse has moved closer to becoming the first in the United States since 2007 to be allowed to process horses for human consumption.

"I am recommending to the Dallas district manager that your application be processed, and a grant of federal inspection be issued, provided you meet all other requirements for inspection," Scott C. Safian, a director at the Agriculture Department, wrote in a letter dated April 13 to Ricardo De Los Santos, owner of the Valley Meat Co.

De Los Santos has been seeking USDA approval for his processing plant in Roswell, N.M., since December 2011.

"Grants will not be issued until an establishment is able to produce a safe product in accordance with the Federal Meat Inspection Act," said an Agriculture Department spokeswoman, Catherine Cochran.

On Monday, an advocacy group for horses sent a letter to the USDA, asking it not to grant permission for De Los Santos to operate the facility because he had failed to disclose two felonies on his original application form, as well as on a second, subsequent form.

"Is this really a guy we want to be operating a regulated business, one in which the USDA will rely on his representations?" said Bruce A. Wagman, a lawyer representing Front Range Equine Rescue, the advocacy group.

A. Blair Dunn, the lawyer representing De Los Santos, said Front Range had erroneously described a case of criminal trespassing as a felony. He said the issue was "another desperate attempt to degrade my clients" by Front Range and the Humane Society of the United States.

"Everything regarding that information has been vet-

ted" through the department's food safety and inspection service "and has been certified by letter by USDA to offer no impediment," Dunn wrote in an email.

The issue of horse slaughtering has become contentious in light of a labeling scandal in Europe, where ground beef in processed foods made and sold by companies ranging from Nestle to Ikea was found to contain horse meat.

On Monday, Robert Redford, who starred in "The Electric Horseman" and "The Horse Whisperer," lent his voice to the debate in a letter to Equine Advocates, a horse welfare group, explaining his opposition to slaughter. "We need to oppose this unspeakable practice with all our might," Redford wrote. "It has no place in our culture."

Horses have not been slaughtered in the United States since 2007, after Congress forbade the use of federal money for inspection of horse meat. That prohibition fell out of legislation in 2011, and De Los Santos first applied for inspection in December of that year.

On that application, dated Dec. 13, 2011, De Los Santos wrote "none" in the section asking applicants to account for any felonies they have committed.

A subsequent application dated March 1, 2012 was filled out the same way, with no note made of any felony.

But on a third application dated March 15, 2013, the section is filled out with De Los Santos' name and two convictions, one for criminal trespass in Texas in 1988 and the other for residential burglary there in 1978.

Court records show that De Los Santos was arrested by the Amarillo police department on Sept. 11, 1989 — his third USDA application reported the incident occurring a year earlier — on suspicion of criminal trespass but charged only with a moving violation and convicted of that offense. □

NY's Weiner makes return to Twitter



Former New York state Rep. Anthony Weiner has returned to the forum that led to his political downfall in 2011, launching a new Twitter account. Weiner's first post Monday, April 22, 2013 was decidedly not racy: a link to a 20-page policy statement outlining "64 Ideas to keep New York City the Capital of the Middle Class."

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

NEW YORK (AP) — Former Congressman Anthony Weiner, once a rising star in the Democratic party, has returned to the forum that led to his political downfall in 2011, launching a new

Twitter account.

Weiner, who is married, resigned from Congress after tweeting a lewd picture of himself and lying about his account being hacked. He later admitted trading in-

appropriate messages with several women.

Weiner's first post Monday was decidedly not racy: a link to a 20-page policy statement outlining "64 Ideas to keep New York City the Capital of the Middle Class."

By mid-afternoon, there were about 2,600 people following @anthonyweiner. Weiner's name has emerged this month in a large field of potential candidates for New York City mayor.

An NBC New York-Marist Poll last week showed about half the Democrats surveyed wouldn't even consider voting for him because of the sexting scandal. But it also showed he'd get 15 percent of the vote in a potential Democratic primary, topped only by the current front-runner, City Council Speaker Christine Quinn.

Weiner, who ran for mayor in 2005 and considered it in 2009, said this month in the New York Times Magazine that he might join the race to succeed Mayor Michael Bloomberg. □

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Syrian regime tightening grip on capital, coast

RYAN LUCAS

Associated Press

BEIRUT (AP) — After watching much of Syria's territory slip into rebel hands, President Bashar Assad's regime is focusing on the basics: shoring up its hold on Damascus and the strip of land connecting the capital with the Mediterranean coast.

In the past week, government troops have overrun villages near the Lebanese border and suburbs of Damascus, including two districts west of the capital where activists say regime forces killed more than 100 people. The advances have improved the regime's footing in strategic areas that are seen as crucial to its survival.

In many ways, Assad's government has little choice at this point in the civil war, analysts say.

Rebels have captured much of northern and eastern Syria, seizing control of military bases, hydroelectric dams, border crossings and even a provincial capital. Those areas are home to most of the coun-

try's oil fields, and the losses have deprived the regime of badly needed cash and fuel for its war machine.

But those provinces — Raqqa, Hassakeh and Deir el-Zoura — are located hundreds of miles (kilometers) from the capital.

Rebel advances there pose no direct threat to the regime's hold on Damascus — the ultimate prize in the civil war — and any effort to claw back the lost territory would demand manpower and military hardware, neither of which the regime is inclined to invest at the moment.

Instead,

it has used its remaining air-bases and military outposts in those areas to shell and bomb the territory it has lost in an attempt to forestall the opposition from establishing an interim administration in the rebel-held regions.

"What's important for the regime is not to leave any buffer zone, or any security zone for the rebels," said Hisham Jaber, a retired Lebanese army general who heads the Middle East



Syrian President Bahsar Assad, center, shakes hands with one of the Iran's parliamentary committee on national interest and foreign policy, in Damascus, Syria, Monday, April 22, 2013. Assad said during the meeting that the Middle East is being subjected to plans that targets its stability and unity of its territories.

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Center for Studies and Political Research in Beirut.

While keeping the rebels off-balance in the lands it has lost, the regime at the same time has dedicated its resources to Damascus

and securing what it widely believed to be Assad's Plan B — a retreat to the Mediterranean coastal region that is the heartland of his Alawite minority, which views its own survival as be-

ing tightly intertwined with that of the regime.

Key to that strategy is control of the corridor running from Damascus to the city of Homs and from there to the coast. □

Israel praises Azerbaijan's stand in Iran crisis

IAN DEITCH

Associated Press

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel's president on Monday praised Azerbaijan for playing a key role in countering Iran's influence in the Middle East as the Muslim country's foreign minister visited the Jewish state for the first time.

The visit by Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov comes amid rising tensions between Israel and Iran.

Israel believes Iran is quickly approaching the capability to build a nuclear bomb and has threatened to use military force if international diplomacy and sanctions fail to curb Tehran's nuclear program. Iran says its program is for peaceful purposes only.

In talks Monday, President Shimon Peres told Mammadyarov that Israel considers Azerbaijan an important ally. He cited Azerbai-

jan's "unique geographic location" and praised its government for taking a "clear stand" against war and terrorism.

Mammadyarov said his country, located between

Russia and Iran, "is not in an easy neighborhood" and that he sees a "huge opportunity" to expand ties with Israel.

Although neither official said so, Azerbaijan could

play an important role in the event of a military operation against Iranian nuclear sites, because it is next to Iran.

Israel's relations with Azerbaijan have grown since its once-strong strategic relationship with nearby Turkey, which also borders Iran, deteriorated.

The visit came as the U.S. defense secretary, Chuck Hagel, was visiting Israel to discuss the Iran situation. The U.S. has vowed to prevent Iran from developing nuclear weapons, though it has acknowledged differences with Israel over the timeframe for taking military action.

Hagel told his Israeli counterpart on Monday that the U.S. is committed to preserving and improving the Jewish state's military edge in the Middle East, and would permit Israel to buy various new weapons,

including U.S. missiles and advanced radars for its strike aircraft. He said the U.S. would leave it to Israel to decide whether and when it needs to attack Iran.

Azerbaijan, an oil-rich former Soviet nation of 9 million people, has nurtured close relations with the United States and played an active role in Western-led counter-terrorist programs. That foreign policy has placed a strain on its ties with Iran, which hosts a sizable ethnic Azeri community.

Iran has accused Azerbaijan of allowing the Israeli spy agency Mossad to operate on its territory and use its proximity to Iran to target scientists working on Tehran's nuclear program. Israel says authorities foiled Iranian-sponsored attacks against Israeli targets in Azerbaijan. □



Azerbaijan's Foreign Minister Elmar Mammadyarov, left, visits the Hall of Names at the Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial in Jerusalem, Monday, April 22, 2013. Israel's president on Monday praised Azerbaijan for playing a key role in countering Iran's influence in the Middle East as the Muslim country's foreign minister visited the Jewish state for the first time.

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Iran:

Food price hikes raising concerns

BY NASSER KARIMI
Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — Iranians lined up to buy cooking oil and meat in Tehran on Monday, as price hikes threatened to stir discontent less than two months before presidential elections.

Prices of staples such as imported cooking oil, chicken and red meat have jumped up to 60 percent since authorities decided last week to increase the official dollar exchange rate for importers who need the currency to do business. They now pay 24,500 rials for \$1, nearly double the previous rate of 12,260.

Iran's economy is flagging under international and Western sanctions over Tehran's disputed nuclear program. The West suspects the program could lead to production of weapons, but Iran denies the charge. The sanctions, which include an oil and banking embargo, have led to a shortage of foreign currency and drastically cut the government's income, while the country's persistent inflation eats into consumer buying power. Despite government assurances that the new rate will go not go into effect for several weeks, many people are stocking up on goods before prices rise even more. The government has banned price hikes until the new measures are in place and dispatched inspectors to keep tabs on businesses. □

Taliban capture 11 foreigners in Afghanistan

THOMAS WAGNER
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP) — The Taliban took 11 civilians prisoner, including eight Turks and a Russian, after their cargo helicopter made an emergency landing in eastern Afghanistan, officials said Monday, in the first large scale capture of foreigners there in

region, known for narrow gorges and rugged mountains, about 20 kilometers (12 miles) from the Pakistani border.

Taliban fighters then captured everyone aboard the helicopter and took them away, Hamid said.

In a telephone interview, Arsala Jamal, the Logar provincial governor, identi-

Last month, the Taliban released a Turkish engineer that they kidnapped two years ago. Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said at the time that the engineer was released as a goodwill gesture. In this case, the foreigners fell into the hands of the Taliban, as opposed to an insurgent initiative aimed

ernment spokesman, said eight Turks and two pilots were aboard the helicopter and that Taliban took them prisoner. "We hope that they are rescued as soon as possible and will return to the region where they were working," he said, without saying what the Turks were doing in Afghanistan. The discrepancy in the number of captives could not be immediately reconciled. "A helicopter that belongs to no military organization made emergency landing in an area of Logar province," Afghan Interior Ministry spokesman Sediq Sediqi said. Security forces were dispatched to the area where the helicopter landed and engaged in firefights with the Taliban but quickly retreated because they had no support, said Logar Deputy Police Chief Rais Khan Abdul Rahimzai. "We brought the police back because there was no help from the (NATO) coalition or the Afghan army. The police were unable to secure the area, which is very rural, and we were worried," Rahimzai said. He said that information they had from the region was that the prisoners were taken by the Taliban to Hisarak district of neighboring Nangarhar province. The U.S.-led International Security Assistance Force said there were no members of the force or "U.S. personnel onboard the Turkish helicopter," denying an earlier Taliban claim that they had detained Americans on the aircraft. ISAF spokeswoman Erin Stattel said the coalition was assisting in the recovery of the aircraft, but would not say how. □



Afghan Army soldiers take position on a road leading from Kabul to Jalalabad, Afghanistan. The Taliban took 11 civilians prisoner, including eight Turks and a Russian, in eastern Afghanistan, officials said Monday.

(AP Photo/Jawad Jalali)

nearly six years.

Security forces dispatched to the remote area retreated after engaging in firefights with the insurgents but failing to secure the area or retrieve the captives.

The crisis began Sunday when the civilian transport aircraft was forced down in strong winds and heavy rain in the village of Dahra Mangal in the Azra district of Logar province, southeast of Kabul, District Governor Hamidullah Hamid told The Associated Press. He said the helicopter came down in a gorge in the densely forested

fied the prisoners as eight Turks, one Afghan translator and two foreign pilots of unknown nationality.

Although the capture or kidnapping of foreigners is not uncommon in Afghanistan, large scale captures of foreigners are rare.

The last such instance was in July 2007, when the Taliban abducted 23 South Korean church volunteers as they traveled by bus along a dangerous road in southern Afghanistan. The militants killed two men soon after taking them and later gradually released all the remaining captives over a month.

at capturing them. Even so, it showed again that the Taliban are still a formidable force facing the Afghan military and police, who will be responsible for security after most foreign forces leave next year.

Stepan Anikeyev, the Russian Embassy's press attache in Kabul, said in a phone interview that a Russian man was being held prisoner. He said the Russians know he was one of the two pilots but could not identify him. There was no information about the other pilot. In Ankara, Bulent Arinc, Turkey's deputy prime minister and gov-

Sinn Fein chief testifies vs. brother in rape case

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Associated Press

DUBLIN (AP) — The leader of the Irish nationalist party Sinn Fein testified Monday in a Belfast court against his own brother, who faces criminal charges of raping his daughter — an alleged crime that Adams himself admitted he'd kept secret within the family.

Gerry Adams, a reputed longtime commander of the outlawed Irish Republican Army and party leader for 30 years, insisted under cross-examination that he didn't delay telling police to preserve his own political career atop Irish republicanism. He also denied threatening to hit his younger brother Liam with a hammer during the first key family meeting on the matter. That confrontation in 1987 involved Aine Adams, the daughter of Liam Adams, who accused her father of molesting her from 1977 to 1983 when she was just 4 to 9 years old. Aine's mother, also present at the meeting, testified last week that Gerry Adams did make the threat.



Liam Adams, brother of Ireland's Sinn Fein President Gerry Adams, as he arrives at court in Belfast, where he faces child sex abuse charges. 57-year old Adams, is standing trial accused of 10 counts of child sex abuse between the years of 1977 and 1983. Adams has denied all of the charges.

(AP Photo/Paul Faith, PA)

The long-delayed criminal case has raised awkward questions for Adams' Irish nationalist party, which is the major Catholic-backed part of Northern Ireland's unity government. Adams testified that he had known for many years about the rape allegations but didn't tell police what he knew until 2009, shortly before Aine Adams went public with her accusations on Northern Ireland television. She accused Sinn Fein of wanting her to stay silent for the party's image.

For decades, Sinn Fein encouraged the Irish Catholic minority in Northern Ireland to boycott contact with the police and to support the IRA, which killed nearly 300 police officers during a failed 1970-1997 campaign to force Northern Ireland out of the United Kingdom. But since entering a power-sharing government alongside British Protestants in 2007, Sinn Fein has encouraged its side of the community to accept law and order as part of a reform process involving increased Catholic recruit-

ment into the police force. Adams, 64, said his brother confessed he had molested his daughter when the two walked on a beach in the rain in the Republic of Ireland in 2000. "He said it only happened the once," Adams told Belfast Crown Court.

His brother's attorney Eilis McDermott repeatedly accused Gerry Adams of lying under oath about his motives. The lawyer said Adams made his 2009 statement to police "to save your political skin," with Sinn Fein about to be accused of hiding rapists within its movement.

Adams countered that had he wanted to protect himself politically, he wouldn't have gotten involved at all. "I tried to fulfill my responsibility as an uncle to a young woman I am very fond of," Adams said. "This is above politics, and saving my political skin had no consideration in any of these matters."

Liam Adams, 57, denies 10 counts of rape, indecent assault and gross indecency against his daughter. □



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Kerry to host Afghan, Pakistan talks

MATTHEW LEE

Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Secretary of State John Kerry said Monday he would host a meeting of top Afghan and Pakistani officials this week in Brussels to discuss reconciliation with the Taliban and other issues. Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his defense minister, along with Pakistan's military chief and foreign secretary, will attend Wednesday's meeting, Kerry said.

"I will be meeting with President Karzai and General (Ashfaq Parvez) Kayani and the civilian foreign minister from Pakistan while I am here," Kerry told reporters. He said the goal was to advance the peace process "in the simplest most, most cooperative, most cogent way so that we wind up with both Pakistan's and Afghanistan's interests being satisfied but most im-

portantly with a peaceful and stable Afghanistan, which is worth the expenditure and the treasure and effort of these last years."

Reconciliation efforts between the Taliban and Afghanistan promoted by the United States have hit several snags, including the assassination of Karzai's hand-picked negotiator, which shattered the little trust that existed between his government and Taliban elements that might be willing to talk peace.

At the same time, Karzai has repeatedly said that any reconciliation cannot take place without the involvement of Pakistan, whose security services have close ties to the Taliban.

Afghanistan accused Pakistan earlier this month of placing unacceptable conditions on efforts to bring peace to the country after nearly 12 years of war, the latest in a series

of barbed exchanges that has sunk relations between the two neighbors to a new low.

Luring the Taliban to the negotiating table is a key goal of the United States and its allies as they work for a peaceful solution in Afghanistan ahead of the final pullout of foreign combat forces in 20 months. Afghanistan and its international backers consider Pakistan a critical player in bringing the Taliban and other militant groups into peace talks.

Pakistan holds dozens of Taliban prisoners and has been accused of backing the insurgents in an effort to be able to exert influence in Afghanistan after foreign troops.

But in Islamabad, the foreign ministry said Kayani and Foreign Secretary Jilil Abbas Jilani will attend the Trilateral Core Group Meeting. □

Paraguay president-elect apologizes for gay slurs

PEDRO SERVIN

Associated Press

ASUNCION, Paraguay (AP)

— Paraguay's president-elect, Horacio Cartes, said Monday that he'll urge Congress to approve Venezuela's entry into Mercosur, and he apologized for making anti-gay comments during the campaign.

A millionaire businessman, Cartes said he transferred his interests in his dozens of companies before the campaign began to avoid conflicts of interests after he takes office Aug. 15.

Cartes said his sister Sarah now runs the family's businesses, which include vast plantations of soy, tobacco and ranching to a soft drink distributor, Paraguay's Banco Amambay and the nation's championship football team, Libertad.

"In our government there won't be anything that isn't in the public interest, and none of my relatives will be in the administration," Cartes said at his first news conference, the day after winning the presidency with nearly 46 percent of the vote against six

competitors.

Cartes, 56, is one of Paraguay's biggest employers and revenue producers. His tobacco company alone pays \$146 million a

and cocaine on his properties. A secret 2007 U.S. Embassy cable, published online by WikiLeaks, reported to Washington that Hugo Ibarra, Paraguay's drug

smuggling, Cartes said: "Go to judicial power and check. There's nothing, there's not a single complaint against me. I've been a public figure for

Cartes said it's time to mend fences.

"This friendly tone is important. The suspension of Paraguay in Mercosur and Unasur belongs to another political context. I want to look ahead. Venezuela is a huge market," he said. "My thoughts on this are known to the lawmakers of my party who will take seats in the new Congress."

Cartes' conciliatory position contrasted with that of Jose Antonio Moreno, who leads the Colorado Party's foreign relations commission. "The punishment dictated in June was unjust and illegal because impeachment is a constitutional act and Paraguay did not violate any democratic principles," Moreno said. Instead, it's Mercosur that "should resolve what to do with Venezuela, whose entry was illegal because it lacked the approval of Paraguay."

Cartes also referred to anti-gay comments he had made, saying: "I have no shame in apologizing to those who felt offended for an expression of mine with respect to same-sex marriage."

During the campaign, Cartes said marriage should only be between a man and a woman.

"Everyone should live within the rules. If not, we'd be like the monkeys that swing in the trees," he said.



Paraguay's Colorado Party's Presidential candidate Horacio Cartes gives a press conference in Paraguay, Monday April 22, 2013. Cartes, a tobacco magnate, won a five-year term with 46 percent of the vote over 37 percent for Efraín Alegre of the Radical Liberal party, the Electoral Court announced after most votes were counted. (AP Photo/Jorge Saenz)

year in taxes to the government.

But he's faced allegations of a darker side to his businesses. The newspaper ABC in Asuncion published an article recently describing seizures of marijuana

czar at the time, alleged that Cartes and Banco Amambay were responsible for 80 percent of money laundering in Paraguay. Asked Monday if he's involved in money laundering, drugs or cigarette

left-leaning Lugo last year, before his five-year term was over.

While that impeachment followed Paraguay's constitution, its neighbors called it a threat to democracy and suspended Paraguay's membership in the Mercosur bloc. Then, the leaders of Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay took advantage of Paraguay's absence to bring Venezuela into the trade group against Paraguay's wishes.

Venezuelan president Maduro shuffles Cabinet

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— Newly elected Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro has shuffled his Cabinet, putting allies of late president Hugo Chavez in positions to tackle pressing problems including widespread power outages and double-digit inflation. Maduro tapped Jesse Chacon to take charge of government initiatives aimed at upgrading Venezuela's power grid, which has been plagued with

problems stemming from lack of investment and maintenance.

Many Venezuelans are fed up with blackouts that have been occurring for years around the South American country.

Maduro also announced late Sunday that Nelson Merentes, who had served as president of the central bank, would take the helm at the finance ministry.

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inflation, which reached topped 20 percent last year.

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Nicaragua: US most-wanted child porn suspect caught

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Associated Press

MANAGUA, Nicaragua

(AP) — Police in Nicaragua have detained a former U.S. school teacher who was on the FBI's 10 most-wanted fugitives as a suspect in a child pornography investigation, authorities confirmed Monday.

Eric Justin Toth was detained Saturday in Esteli, a city near Nicaragua's border with Honduras, and will be immediately deported to the United States, said National Police chief Amin-ta Granera.

"Toth will be deported immediately because he was in our country illegally," Granera said at a news conference in Managua, the capital.

She said Toth entered Nicaragua with a false passport and also had a fake driver's license and credit cards.

Toth was being handed over to FBI agents present at the news conference and they planned to take him to the U.S. in a special plane, Granera said.

A thin and nervous-looking Toth dressed in cream-colored shirt and pants was briefly presented to journalists and photographers who took his picture, but

he wasn't allowed to talk and was quickly taken away.

Granera said Toth first entered Nicaragua on Oct. 24, 2012, and left on Jan. 27. He returned on Feb. 12 and that's when Nicaraguan police began keep-

at Beauvoir, a private elementary school on the grounds of the Washington National Cathedral. He was escorted off campus in June 2008 after another teacher reported finding sexually explicit photographs on a school cam-

of the Office of the U.S. Attorney and the FBI for their ongoing efforts to apprehend Mr. Toth. They have been tenacious and resolute in their quest to bring this case to justice," it said. Toth was added to the FBI's most-wanted list in



Nicaragua's National Police agents escort U.S. citizen Eric Justin Toth to be presented to the press at a police station in Managua, Nicaragua, Monday April 22, 2013. Toth was detained by police Saturday, April 10, 2013, in Esteli, a city near Nicaragua's border with Honduras.

(AP Photo/Esteban Felix)

ing a close watch, she said. "He was captured in a house in the Panama Soberana neighborhood in Esteli, even though he resisted," Granera said.

Toth taught third grade

era in Toth's possession. He had not been seen since he lost his job.

In a statement, the school commended the work of U.S. authorities.

"We commend the work

April 2012 for allegedly possessing and producing child pornography, giving him notoriety normally reserved for people sought in connection with violent crimes or terrorism.□

UK concerned by online anti- pedophile group

RAPHAEL SATTER

Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — A British band of self-styled pedophile hunters has been ambushing men it believes are out to meet young girls, posting video of the confrontations to the Web in a tactic which has yielded arrests — but alarmed police. Letzgo Hunting says its members pose as teenage girls online in an effort to lure would-be child abusers into the open — where they're met with a camera. Police in the Leicestershire and West Midlands areas of central England acknowledged that five suspects aged 24 to 54 had been arrested in connection with the group's activities, but warned that the stings could backfire.

"Unfortunately, these kinds of public 'naming and shaming' activities can actually have a negative (effect) on victims of child abuse," Leicester Police said in a statement Monday. "While we understand the strong feelings that motivate this kind of activity, it can seriously affect the chances of success in court, preventing victims from getting justice and increasing the chances of offenders walking free."

It's not entirely clear who makes up the group, where it is based, or when it was founded — attempts to reach various members of Letzgo Hunting through their website and their Facebook pages weren't immediately successful — but their videos laid bare their modus operandi.

In one video posted to the Internet last month, a man is seen being confronted on a footpath by someone who identifies himself as being one of several "pedophile hunters."

When the startled man denies being there to meet a girl for sex, his accuser contradicts him. "You were talking to myself, not a 14-year-old girl, so I know exactly what's been said," the accuser says, before adding that the footage will be turned over to police — and posted online.□

Emirate warns of fines for skimpy swimwear

RAS AL-KHAIMAH, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Bikinis and briefs are no longer

welcome on some sands in the United Arab Emirates. Authorities in Ras al-

Khaimah, the northernmost emirate in the UAE, have posted signs on public

beaches warning of possible fines for revealing swimwear such as two-piece bikinis for women and brief trunks for men.

The Abu Dhabi-based newspaper The National reports Monday that the move followed complaints from local families who didn't like sharing the sands with tourists showing too much skin. The emirate is located about 100 kilometers (60 miles) northeast of Dubai.

The UAE hosts a patchwork of different social mores among its seven semi-autonomous emirates, ranging from conservative to relatively liberal. Dubai for example urges "respectful" attire but rarely objects to outfits such as miniskirts or bikinis.□



A woman reads the Quran on a beach as people in bikinis sunbathe and swim at sunset in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

(AP Photo/Hassan Ammar)



As part of its Responsible Business Policy: Radisson conducts definitive beach clean up on Earth Day

PALM BEACH - The Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa recruited over twenty volunteers to help scour the portion of the coastline around the California dunes, just below the famed lighthouse on Monday, Earth Day. The crew wearing inspirational "I am the Heart of Radisson Aruba Resort, Casino & Spa, Yes I Can!" tee-shirts collected marine debris washed ashore as well as general waste into large trash bags, to be discarded by the resort's engineers. It was the definitive cleaning action on Earth Day, says Director of Human Resources, Glenn Farro who spearheaded the project. The environ-



mental initiative was part of the resort's Responsible Business policy, promoting a cleaner and more beautiful Aruba for the benefit of all those who live here, and visit the island. Our Beach Cleanup Day, says Farro, was an opportunity for colleagues to get together, take care of the environment, show appreciation for shared natural resources, and witness the impact of marine debris on the island's flora and fauna. □



Aruba Bank reveals its first YES! Car Loan Campaign winner

ORANJESTAD - The popular YES! Car Loan Campaign was just recently launched by Aruba Bank and was enthusiastically received by bank clients taking advantage of the different offers featured in the campaign, including a very attractive interest rate, payments de-

layed for 3 months, a USD \$1,000.- credit card or a Awg 2,500 ArubaCard and payment terms of up to 6 years. Additionally, as an extra bonus, Aruba Bank will be raffling Awg 500 in gasoline vouchers among clients who buy a car or a motorcycle, during the



lifetime of the campaign. This week, Aruba Bank had the pleasure of issuing the gas voucher prize to the first winner of the month. Mirella Koolman was the lucky one, expressing her complete satisfaction with her new car, purchased under favorable terms and with her ability to ride around, at zero cost, no having to pay for gas for a while. Mirella is one of the many happy clients who visited their car dealers and de-

cided to take out a loan with the Aruba Bank YES! Car Loan Campaign, resulting in her driving a brand new vehicle of her own. Aruba Bank would like to congratulate the first winner, and remind everyone

that they may also apply for a loan online at www.arubabank.com. Aruba Bank will be announcing an additional attractive feature shortly, designed to facilitate car purchases even further! □

Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino: Local Corporate Clients enjoy 'Asian Night'

ORANJESTAD—Renaissance Aruba Resort & Casino was recently the host of its own Local Corporate Clients. Annually an Appreciation Party is organized for all business clients and this year was no exception. Once again this year the sales team of the Renaissance Aruba Resort and the Renaissance Convention Center provided all business relations a night to remember where they came together to ex-

change ideas, 'mingle' and enjoy a great night. This year's Appreciation Party theme was 'Asian Night'- every guest got an eastern taste starting from the elegant decoration to the deliciously prepared buffet.

The night was topped-off with great music provided by local band 'Delicious' who made sure everybody was on their feet and enjoying the party to the max. □

Beauty On The Beach

Alyssa Jones

She is from Toronto, Canada. It's her second time in Aruba, staying with her family at Renaissance Ocean tower. She loves Aruba's beaches, shopping and food.

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ORANJESTAD - After receiving donations from many



local businesses for Miss Aruba's Flea-market fund-raising "Aruba against Domestic Violence", Larisa decided to make good

use of the donations, and all the remaining clothing and articles were packed into 15 boxes and donated to 2 Foundations on Aruba. Larisa visited the Fundacion pa nos Comunidad (Foundation for our Community) an organization that fights poverty and helps families in need , and also Casa Cuna Progreso, a shelter for children between 0 and 8 years who can't live at home due to a difficult or unsafe situation. Larisa would like to thank all local businesses who have helped her to



make these donations possible: Super Lucky store, Big Bazaar, Best Deal, La Linda, Dots, Fashion Zone, KeKe, Angelo, Argee Fashion. It's wonderful to see so many people working together to help families and

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Boston Bruins center Chris Kelly (23), bottom, is greeted by fans as he steps off the ice and under a placard with the phrase "Boston Strong" after warming up before an NHL hockey game against the Florida Panthers at the TD Garden in Boston, Sunday, April 21, 2013.

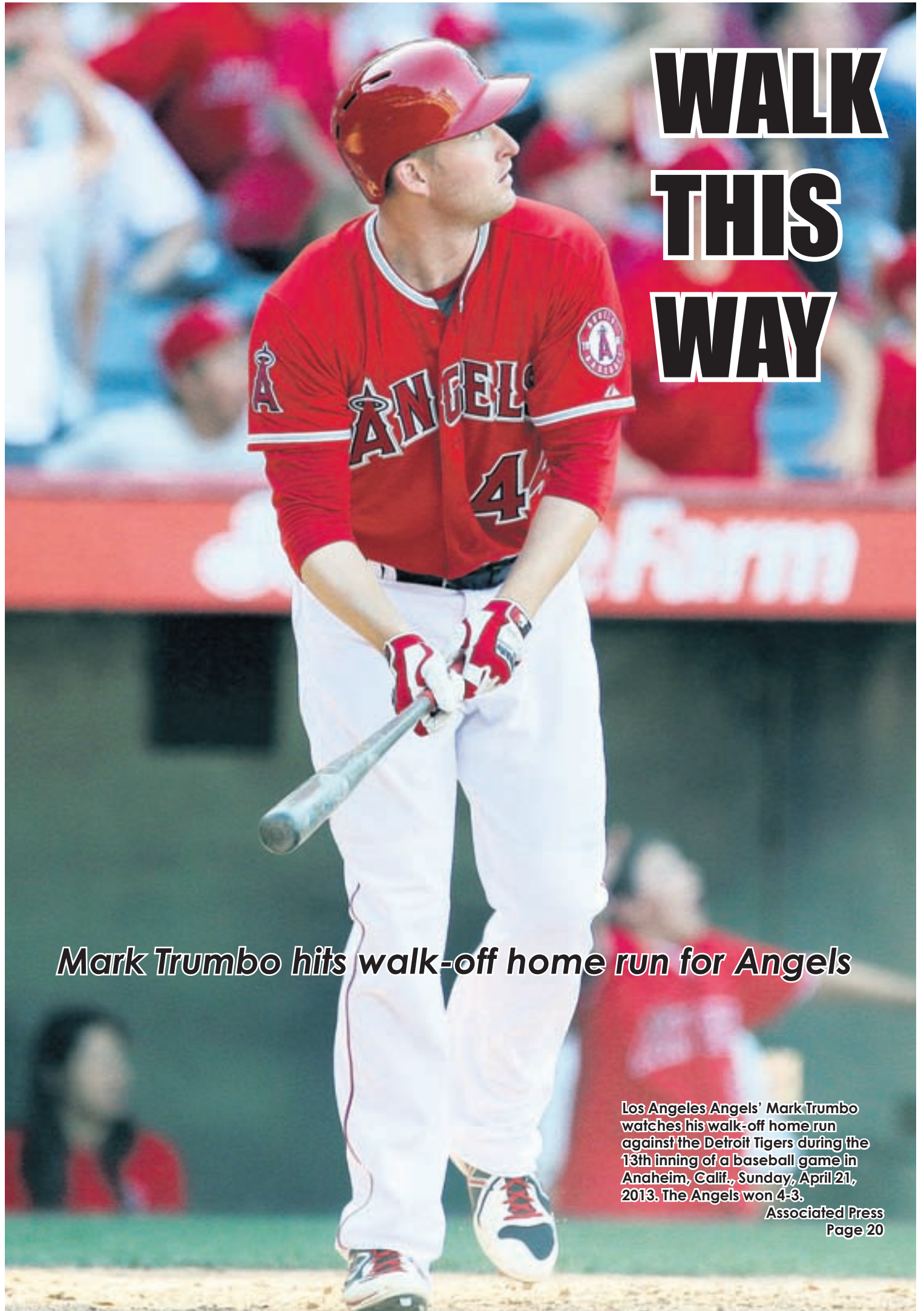
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Bruins end slide with 3-0 win

The Associated Press
BOSTON (AP) — Jaromir Jagr scored his second goal as a member of the Bruins, helping Boston end a four-game winless streak with a 3-0 victory over the Florida Panthers on Sunday.

The Bruins were playing the second of back-to-back afternoon games after hosting the Penguins in a 3-2 loss Saturday. The game was originally scheduled for Friday night, but postponed because of the lockdown and manhunt for one of the suspected Boston Marathon bombers. Tuukka Rask stopped 28 shots for his fourth shutout of the season and the Bruins pulled into a share of first place in Northeast Division with Montreal on 59 points. The Bruins have four games to play, one more than the Canadiens.

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**WALK
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Mark Trumbo hits walk-off home run for Angels

Los Angeles Angels' Mark Trumbo watches his walk-off home run against the Detroit Tigers during the 13th inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Sunday, April 21, 2013. The Angels won 4-3.

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Nadal returns to Barcelona after Monte Carlo loss

BARCELONA, Spain (AP) — After his eight-year winning run in Monte Carlo was ended by Novak Djokovic, Rafael Nadal is quickly refocusing on winning an eighth title at the Barcelona Open.

Going into another clay-court tournament that Nadal has dominated, the Spaniard said he still needs to improve following a lengthy injury layoff before he's able to beat the likes of Djokovic in a final.

"When you make it to the final in Monte Carlo you cannot think that you had a bad week," Nadal said Monday. "Now I'm in Barcelona and I want to enjoy it. I love playing here."

"Against the world No. 1 you can win or lose, and this time I lost." Nadal has reached five consecutive finals since returning in February from a knee injury — winning three, and losing two. This time, he won't be the top-seeded player at Real Club de Tennis Barcelona. That honor goes to compatriot David Ferrer.

"I think I'm on the right track but missing things after all that happened," said Nadal, who opens against either Carlos Berlocq or Daniel Gimeno-Traver on Wednesday.



Rafael Nadal of Spain attends a press conference during the Barcelona open tennis in Barcelona, Spain, Monday, April 22, 2013.

Associated Press

day. "They are both good players on clay."

In first round play on Monday, Ivan Dodig saved five of seven break-

points in beating Aljaz Bedene 6-7 (6), 6-3, 6-2. Andrey Kuznetsov

took only 46 minutes to beat Igor Sijsling 6-1, 6-3, and Paolo Lorenzi

defeated Guillaume Rufin 6-4, 6-2 after winning 80 percent of points

on first serve. Ernests Gulbis topped Radek Stepanek 7-6 (4), 6-2. □

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Knicks' J.R. Smith wins NBA Sixth Man award

BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

GREENBURGH, New York

(AP) — J.R. Smith won the NBA's Sixth Man of the Year award Monday after helping the New York Knicks to the Atlantic Division title.

Smith received 484 points, including 72 first-place votes, from a panel of 121 writers and broadcasters. The Clippers' Jamal Crawford finished second with 352 points, getting 31 first-place votes. Smith averaged 18.1 points in 80 games, all off the bench. He had 29 games in which he scored 20 points as a reserve, tying Crawford for the NBA lead.

Smith helped the Knicks win their division for the first time since 1994. New York is the No. 2 seed in the Eastern Conference and leads

the Boston Celtics 1-0 in their first-round playoff series. It's the second individual award in two years for the Knicks, following Tyson Chandler's Defensive Player of the Year honor last season. Smith joins former Knicks sixth-man winners Anthony Mason in 1995 and John Starks in 1997.

Despite not making a start, Smith was one of the Knicks' most important players. He played more than 40 minutes seven times and was often their only scoring threat behind Carmelo Anthony. "Couldn't have happened to a better guy," coach Mike Woodson said. "I'm so proud of him, in terms of buying into what we wanted him to do earlier in the season. And it started this summer. I wasn't going to start him,

coming into this year, and I knew that. And he bought in. He didn't like it, but he bought in. And it couldn't have happened to a better person, because he put in the time and he worked his butt off to get to this point, and he got rewarded for it. I'm happy for him." Crawford seemed to be the favorite for most of the season before Smith overtook him with his strong play down the stretch. He had three straight 30-point games from March 26-29, the first time that was done by a reserve since Milwaukee's Ricky Pierce in 1990. Golden State's Jarrett Jack finished third, followed by Kevin Martin of Oklahoma City and Ryan Anderson of New Orleans. Smith joined the Knicks in the middle of last season after returning



In this April 3, 2013 file photo, New York Knicks' J.R. Smith hangs from the rim after dunking the ball in the fourth quarter of an NBA basketball game against the Atlanta Hawks in Atlanta.

Associated Press

from China, where he had signed during the lockout. But it wasn't until the middle of this season when he finally learned to stop settling for erratic jumpers, instead taking smart shots.

"The opportunity was there," said Anthony, a former teammate in Denver.

"They asked me what I thought about him, I told them we'll be fools not to go get him. □

NBA Playoffs

James scores 27 as Heat top Bucks in Game 1

MIAMI (AP) — LeBron James scored 27 points, finishing two assists shy of a triple-double, as the defending champion Heat picked up where they left off in the NBA playoffs a year ago, never trailing on the way to beating the Bucks 110-87 in Game 1 of an Eastern Conference first-round series on Sunday.

Ray Allen scored 20 off the bench, Dwyane Wade scored 16 and Chris Bosh added 15 for the Heat, who opened their title defense by holding Milwaukee to 42 percent shooting.

Brandon Jennings scored 26 points and Monta Ellis added 22 for the Bucks, who have not won the opening game of a playoff series since May 2001. Game 2 is Tuesday in Miami. Also in the Eastern Conference, Paul George scored 23 points and recorded his first playoff triple double to lead Indiana past Atlanta 107-90.

San Antonio beat the Los

Angeles Lakers 91-79 in Game 1 of their Western Conference first-round series, with Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker scoring 18 points each, and Kevin Durant scored 24 points as the Oklahoma City Thunder routed ex-teammate James Harden and the Houston Rockets 120-91.

Tim Duncan added 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs. Dwight Howard had 20 points and 15 rebounds, Steve Nash scored 16 points and Pau Gasol added 16 points and 16 rebounds for Los Angeles.

Despite the double-doubles from Howard and Gasol, the Lakers failed to take full advantage of their inside presence, much to the consternation of the injured Kobe Bryant, who watched the national broadcast.

"Post. Post. Post," Bryant tweeted in reference to the Lakers' offense.

Bryant is out for the remainder of the season with a

torn Achilles.

Los Angeles' length caused San Antonio problems early as the Spurs missed their first three shots — all inside the paint — as they altered their shots to avoid Howard and Gasol.

Nash, who returned after missing nine games with a hip/hamstring injury, gave the Lakers their only lead with a jumper on the game's opening possession. Duncan broke the drought, hitting a pair of jumpers over Gasol that gave San Antonio a 4-2 lead with 9:33 remaining and the Spurs led the rest of the way.

In Indianapolis, George made just 3 of 13 shots but was 17 of 18 from the free-throw line, had 11 rebounds and 12 assists. It's the first time since 2006 that the Pacers have opened a playoff series with a win.

The best-of-seven series resumes Wednesday at Indy. On Sunday, the Central Division champs played

more like the team that was contending for the No. 2 seed rather than the one stumbling to five losses in its previous seven games.

Atlanta was led by Jeff Teague with 21 points and Josh Smith with 15.

The Pacers weren't sure what to expect after four starters — George, Hill, Roy Hibbert and David West — took a six-day break from game action.

All that rest appeared to help the struggling Pacers get back in sync. They took advantage on the glass with a 48-32 advantage, forced Atlanta to play a half-court game instead of allowing the Hawks to run and were nearly flawless at the free-throw line. Indiana made its first 24 free throws, a streak that ended when Lance Stephenson missed the second of two shots in the final minute of the third quarter. The Pacers finished 30 of 34 from the line, compared with 7 of 14 for Atlanta.



At Oklahoma City, after letting Houston wipe away an 11-point deficit in the first half, the Thunder regained control with a 14-1 surge just before halftime and kept pouring it on.

Harden, playing against the team that traded him away just before the season started, had 20 points but the league's second-highest scoring offense was held 15 points below its regular-season average while shooting 36 percent. □

Trumbo's HR lifts Angels in 13th over Tigers

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, California (AP)

— Mark Trumbo homered leading off the bottom of the 13th inning and Albert Pujols doubled home two runs, lifting the Los Angeles Angels to a 4-3 victory over Detroit on Sunday for their second straight series sweep of the Tigers.

Detroit lefty Phil Coke (0-2) intentionally walked Pujols with two outs and the bases empty in the 12th before striking out Josh Hamilton on three pitches. But Trumbo drove a 3-1 pitch into the top part of the double-decker bullpen in left field for his second homer of the season. Jerome Williams (1-0) got the victory with three innings of two-hit relief.

ROYALS 4, RED SOX 2, FIRST GAME

BOSTON (AP) — Ervin Santana pitched seven strong innings as the Royals ended Boston's seven-game winning streak with a win over the Red Sox in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

The nightcap was scheduled after Friday night's game was postponed because of the manhunt for a suspect in the Boston Marathon bombings.

Santana (2-1) allowed two runs on six hits with no walks and seven strikeouts. It was the third straight start in which he gave up two runs or less.

The Royals scored three runs in the fourth with Salvador Perez's two-run single breaking a 2-2 tie against Ryan Dempster (0-2).

The atmosphere at Fenway Park was more like a typical baseball game following the emotional pre-



Los Angeles Angels' Mark Trumbo, right, celebrates his walk-off home run against the Detroit Tigers during the 13th inning of a baseball game in Anaheim, Calif., Sunday, April 21, 2013. The Angels won 4-3.

game ceremony when the Red Sox returned to action Saturday.

ROYALS 5, RED SOX 4, 10 INNING, SECOND GAME

BOSTON (AP) — Lorenzo Cain drew a walk with two outs and the bases loaded in the 10th inning to give the Royals a sweep of a day-night doubleheader over the Red Sox.

Alex Gordon had three hits in the second game, including a single with one out in the 10th. Alcides Escobar walked and, after Billy Butler struck out, Eric Hosmer reached on an infield single — his fourth hit of the day.

Andrew Miller (0-1) walked Cain on four pitches to bring home Gordon for his third run of the game.

RANGERS 11, MARINERS 3 ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)

— Nelson Cruz hit his fifth career grand slam, one of four home runs by the Texas Rangers in a victory that completed a three-game sweep over the Mariners.

Cruz went way deep, an estimated 431 feet to left-center field, to cap a five-run fifth that chased Aaron Harang (0-2).

Leonys Martin, Mitch Moreland and Adrian Beltre also homered for the Rangers, whose 11 runs were a season high. Martin had a triple leading off the fifth before scoring on Ian Kinsler's bloop single to right.

Justin Grimm (1-0) struck out nine and walked one over six innings in his fourth major-league start, the second this season. The right-hander allowed two runs, including an unearned run in the first that snapped the

Mariners' 19-inning scoreless streak after they were shut out the first two games of the series.

INDIANS 5, ASTROS 4

HOUSTON (AP) — Mark Reynolds' seventh homer of the season put Cleveland on top in the seventh inning and the Indians held on for a win over the Astros. The home run by Reynolds, who also homered in Cleveland's 19-6 win Saturday, was one of four solo shots for the Indians, who took two of three in the series.

Carlos Santana, Drew Stubbs and Yan Gomes also connected for the Indians.

The game was tied at 4 in the seventh inning before the two-out full-count homer to left-center by Reynolds off Hector Ambriz (0-1).

Cody Allen (1-0) got the final out of the sixth and Chris Perez pitched a scoreless ninth for his second save in three opportunities.

TWINS 5, WHITE SOX 3

CHICAGO (AP) — Josh Willingham atoned for an earlier misplay with a tie-breaking three-run double in Minnesota's four-run seventh inning, leading the Twins to a victory over the slumping White Sox.

Aaron Hicks singled in a run and Justin Morneau had a bases-loaded walk as Minnesota swept a pair of weekend games against Chicago to stretch its winning streak to four.

Scott Diamond (1-1) pitched six effective innings, keeping the Twins in the game while they struggled to score against Gavin Floyd. Diamond allowed two runs, one earned, and four hits in his first start since he made his season debut in a loss to the New York Mets on April 13.

Chicago led 2-1 before Hicks drove in Trevor Plouffe with a single to right against Matt Lindstrom (1-1) in the seventh. Minnesota went on to load the bases when Donnie Veal issued a two-out walk to Joe Mauer, and Willingham drove the first pitch from Jesse Crain deep to center to give the Twins a 5-2 lead.

RAYS 8, ATHLETICS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Florida

(AP) — Roberto Hernandez pitched six effective innings for his first win since he was known as Fausto Carmona, helping the Tampa Bay Rays complete a three-game sweep of the Athletics. □



Philadelphia Union midfielder Danny Cruz, left, battles for the ball against D.C. United defender Daniel Woolard, right, during the first half of an MLS soccer match, Sunday, April 21, 2013, in Washington.

Associated Press

Jahn's goal lifts 'Quakes to 1-1 draw with Timbers

SANTA CLARA, California

(AP) — San Jose Earthquakes forward Adam Jahn scored a stoppage-time equalizer to force a 1-1 draw with the Portland Timbers on Sunday night.

Portland midfielder Diego Valeri, who returned from a one-game absence due to

injury, opened the scoring in the 58th minute and helped the Timbers extend their unbeaten streak to five matches in the MLS.

At Washington, Jack McInerney scored twice before halftime to lead the Philadelphia Union to a 3-2 victory over D.C.

United. Conor Casey also scored early for the Union, who led 3-1 at halftime.

It was Philadelphia's first victory in four matches. D.C. United has now lost three straight at RFK stadium after having a 17-match home unbeaten run ended in a 2-1 defeat against Columbus on March 23. □

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Posey homers to back Zito, SF beats SD 5-0

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SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Zito and Chad Gaudin combined on a six-hitter and Buster Posey homered as the San Francisco Giants beat the San Diego Padres 5-0 on Sunday to complete a three-game sweep.

Zito (3-1) bounced back from the worst start of big league career to beat the Padres for the first time in nearly two years. He allowed five hits in seven innings, struck out four, walked one and did not give up run for the third time in four starts.

Posey's first home run of the season was just the 11th this year for the power-starved Giants. Before the two-out, two-run drive off Eric Stults (2-2) in the fifth, Hunter Pence, Pablo Sandoval and Brandon Crawford had accounted for all of San Francisco's homers. **METS 2, NATIONALS 0**

NEW YORK (AP) — John Buck hit his seventh home

run of the season and Dillon Gee earned his first win as the Mets beat the Nationals to take two of three games from the NL East champions.

Coming off a pair of poor starts, Gee (1-3) pitched three-hit ball for 5 2-3 innings and New York finally got a strong effort from its struggling bullpen, which entered with the highest ERA in the majors at 5.47. Buck hit a drive into the second deck at Citi Field and Mike Baxter added a sacrifice fly as New York ran up Jordan Zimmermann's pitch count in dealing the right-hander his first loss of the year.

Zimmermann (3-1) threw 96 pitches in five innings. He allowed two hits and three walks.

REDS 10, MARLINS 6

CINCINNATI (AP) — Brandon Phillips drove in the go-ahead run for the second straight day, while Joey Votto homered and had

three hits as the Reds beat the Marlins for their sixth win in seven games.

Todd Frazier hit a three-run double in an eight-run seventh inning for the Reds, who won three of four from the Marlins and improved to a major league-best 10-3 at home.

With the score 2-2, Shin-Soo Choo drew Cincinnati's fifth walk off Alex Sanabia (2-2), who also hit Chin with a pair of pitches. Singles by Xavier Paul and Votto loaded the bases, and Phillips had an RBI single against Jon Rauch, and Paul scored when right fielder Giancarlo Stanton bobbled the ball for an error.

Logan Ondrusek (1-0) struck out the side in the seventh to win in relief of Homer Bailey, who allowed two runs and seven hits in six innings with eight strikeouts and three walks.

PIRATES 4, BRAVES 2

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Slumping Clint Barmes had a pair



San Francisco Giants' Barry Zito works against the San Diego Padres in the first inning of a baseball game, Sunday, April 21, 2013, in San Francisco.

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of run-scoring singles for his first two RBIs of the season, including a tiebreaking hit in the sixth inning that led the Pirates over Atlanta for their third straight win over the Braves.

Barmes began the day with a .093 batting average and was in a 0-for-14 slide.

Kris Medlen (1-2) lost for first time in 29 regular-season start in which he was given a lead. He allowed three

runs and six hits in six innings with six strikeouts and one walk.

Justin Wilson (1-0) got his first major league win by giving up one hit in 1 2-3 scoreless innings.

BREWERS 4, CUBS 2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Ryan Braun hit a three-run homer in the fifth then was ejected three innings later as the Brewers won their seventh straight. □

Bruins

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The Panthers honored local law enforcement by wearing Boston Police hats during their pregame skate. Bruins fans once again took over the singing of the national anthem, a practice that started last week in the first game since the deadly explosions at the marathon finish line.

Rookie Dougie Hamilton also scored for Boston and Brad Marchand picked up his team-leading 18th goal when he backhanded the puck into an empty net with 1:22 remaining.

DUCKS 3, OILERS 1

EDMONTON, Alberta (AP) — Cam Fowler, Kyle Palm-



Dallas Stars' Reilly Smith, left, collides with Los Angeles Kings' Matt Greene during the first period of an NHL hockey game in Los Angeles, Sunday, April 21, 2013.

Associated Press

ieri and Corey Perry scored to help put Anaheim on the brink of clinching the Pacific Division with a vic-

tory over Edmonton. The Ducks could have clinched the division title if the Kings lost to Dallas in

regulation, but that game went to overtime. Anaheim can seal it with another win over the Oilers on Monday. Taylor Hall scored for Edmonton, which lost for the seventh time in eight games to extend its playoff drought to seven years. The Oilers' last playoff appearance came in a Game 7 loss in the 2006 Stanley Cup finals against Carolina.

KINGS 4, STARS 3, OT

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jeff Carter deflected the winning goal off his upper body with 51 seconds left in overtime as Los Angeles seized fourth place in the Western Conference with a win over Dallas.

Captain Dustin Brown scored two goals for the defending Stanley Cup

champions, and Mike Richards scored an early goal before putting the puck off Carter's chest for the overtime winner.

The Kings (26-14-5) moved two points clear of San Jose for fourth place and home-ice advantage in the first round after the Sharks lost to Columbus.

Alex Goligoski scored in the third period and Kari Lehtonen stopped 27 shots for the Stars, who sit three points behind Columbus and Minnesota for the final playoff spot in the West.

AVALANCHE 5, BLUES 3

DENVER (AP) — Jamie McGinn scored twice and Jean-Sebastien Giguere stopped 29 shots as Colorado prevented St. Louis from wrapping up a playoff spot. □



Dejah Reed, an Ypsilanti, Mich., teen who was hospitalized for a collapsed lung after trying the cinnamon challenge. A new report from doctors published Monday, April 22, 2013, advises against taking the challenge that involves daring someone to swallow a spoonful of ground cinnamon in 60 seconds without water. The fad depicted in wildly popular YouTube videos has led to hospitalizations and a surge in calls to U.S. poison centers. (AP Photo/Frederick Reed)

MDs warn teens: Don't take on the cinnamon challenge

LINDSEY TANNER
AP Medical Writer
CHICAGO (AP) —

Don't take the cinnamon challenge. That's the advice from doctors in a new report about a dangerous prank depicted in popular YouTube videos which has led to hospitalizations and a surge in calls to U.S. poison centers.

The fad involves daring someone to swallow a spoonful of ground cinnamon in 60 seconds without water. But the spice is caustic, and trying to gulp it down can cause choking, throat irritation, breathing trouble and even collapsed lungs, the report said.

Published online Monday in *Pediatrics*, the report said at least 30 teens nationwide needed medical attention after taking the challenge last year.

The number of poison control center calls about teens doing the prank "has increased dramatically,"

from 51 in 2011 to 222 last year, according to the American Association of Poison Control Centers.

"People with asthma or other respiratory conditions are at greater risk of having this result in shortness of breath and trouble breathing," according to an alert posted on the association's website.

Thousands of YouTube videos depict kids attempting the challenge, resulting in an "orange burst of dragon breath" spewing out of their mouths and sometimes hysterical laughter from friends watching the stunt, said report co-author Dr. Steven E. Lipshultz, a pediatrics professor at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine.

Cinnamon is made from tree bark and contains cellulose fibers that don't easily break down. Animal research suggests that when cinnamon gets into the lungs, it can cause scarring, Lipshultz said. □

Personal Health:

Avoiding emergency rooms

JANE E. BRODY

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On a recent Sunday afternoon, a 75-year-old Philadelphia man with a fever of over 102 degrees was unable to reach his doctor. So his daughter took him to an emergency room, where the two sat for hours until he was examined by a physician who found no reason for the fever and decided to admit him overnight.

The man was given oxygen, a chest X-ray, a blood test and, finally, a urine test, which revealed a urinary tract infection. The problem was solved with a prescription for an antibiotic, but at a cost of thousands of dollars to Medicare.

Like so many other health issues seen in American emergency rooms, the man's infection was a common problem easily diagnosed and treated at a fraction of the cost by a primary care physician — if patients could reach their doctors when needed.

Experts report that more than half the problems patients take to emergency rooms either do not or would not require hospital-based care if an alternative source were readily available.

As the Philadelphia patient, who is a friend of mine, found, care in an emergency department for a routine medical problem can result in unnecessary hospitalization, tests and procedures that may even complicate a patient's medical problem.

I don't blame doctors in private practice for wanting to work reasonable hours and have evenings, weekends and holidays to spend with family and friends. But the medical profession has thus far failed to adequately fill in the gap left by doctors who no longer make house calls or answer the phone 24/7.

The Leonard Davis Institute of Health Economics reported in 2005 that one quarter of primary care practices had no weekday

hours after 5 p.m.; more than half lacked weekend hours, and nearly one quarter were unable to see patients for an urgent problem. The problem has grown even worse today. Many doctors now work 9 to 5 or its equivalent, but patients can — and often do — become acutely ill or injured between 6 p.m. and 8 a.m. They turn to emergency rooms for help, where, rightly or wrongly,



With experts saying that more than half the problems patients bring to emergency rooms could be addressed outside a hospital, primary care physicians need to work with patients to curb unnecessary visits.

(Ellen Weinstein/The New York Times)

they expect access to all manner of tests and medical specialists.

Emergency rooms are open 24/7, and every hospital that accepts Medicare and Medicaid is obliged by law to treat everyone who comes in, regardless of citizenship, legal status or ability to pay. Contrary to what many think, the rising use of emergency rooms for routine medical problems is not caused by poor people without insurance or a physician. The biggest increase has involved insured middle-class patients and those with personal physicians who could not reach or see their own doctors when they needed care. The overuse of emergency rooms is a growing and increasingly costly problem that results in overcrowding, long waits, overly stressed health professionals and compromised care for people with true emergencies.

In a research brief issued in 2010, the New England Healthcare Institute reported that overuse of emergency rooms "is responsible for up to \$38 billion in wasteful spending in the United States every year." The institute estimated that avoidable visits to emergency rooms "range as high as 56 percent of all visits."

In a study of emergency department use by patients with medical insurance, the California HealthCare Foundation found that 46 percent of the problems could have been handled by a primary care physician, but two-thirds of the patients said they'd been unable to get care outside the emergency room.

Of course, patients can't always know what is and what is not a true emergency. Is that pounding headache a migraine or portent of a stroke? Is that pain in the arm a pulled muscle or a symptom of a heart attack? Is the bad stomach pain a case of indigestion or appendicitis?

Researching a symptom on the Internet sometimes exacerbates a patient's fears with lists of serious, even deadly, diseases that the symptom might represent. Those with chronic medical problems may lack a clear understanding of their disorders and may not know how to cope with changes in their conditions.

If you have a chronic medical problem, such as a heart condition or asthma, your doctor should devise a care plan that will reduce the chances of a crisis that requires emergency care. Comprehensive patient education, especially for those with chronic conditions, can help to alleviate concerns when a symptom occurs. If your doctor does not provide such information verbally or in print, ask for it or educate yourself by researching your ailment on the Web. Better yet, get a new doctor who tells you what to expect and when to seek medical help. □

CBS buys small stake in mobile TV startup Syncbak

NEW YORK (AP) — CBS Corp. says it has made a minority investment in Syncbak, a technology company that allows mobile device users to pick up signals from their local TV stations over the Internet.

Founded in Marion, Iowa, in 2009, Syncbak allows people who download the app to watch local programming, even over a cellphone connection. Broadcasters like CBS are hoping to reach consumers on new platforms as viewing habits change.

CBS's investment comes after it and other networks mounted a legal challenge to New York-based Aereo, a startup that plucks broadcast signals for free from the air and distributes them to customers via the Internet for \$8 a month or more. Broadcasters have sued Aereo, alleging copyright infringement. Aereo has prevailed so far, arguing that by using thousands of antennas, its service replicates a customer buying his own antenna to receive free over-the-air broadcasts.

It won a preliminary ruling in an appeals court earlier this month, which allowed it to continue offering its service in the New York City area. It plans to expand to Boston, Chicago, Philadelphia, Washington and 18 other U.S. markets this spring.

CBS said Monday that Syncbak's technology is being tested by more than 100 TV stations in 70 markets, including San Francisco, Philadelphia and Dallas.

CBS said it would work closely with cable, satellite and telecommunications companies on building Syncbak.

That suggests that getting the full use of Syncbak could require a pay TV subscription, although that hasn't yet been decided.

Most U.S. TV households pay for service from cable and satellite companies who in turn pay local TV stations for the right to retransmit their feeds to subscribers. These so-called retransmission fees

amounted to \$3 billion last year and are expected to double by 2018, according to research firm SNL Kagan. Aereo jeopardizes those fees because, if its legal argument stands, cable and satellite companies could build similar technology to avoid paying for retransmission rights.

By offering local TV station content, Syncbak supplements the efforts of pay TV operators, such as Time Warner Cable Inc., which last week began allowing live TV viewing of certain channels through its mobile app for customers who are outside their home.

However, the TWC TV app only provides live TV channels of national programming, such as BBC America and TVGuide Network.

Currently, Syncbak's app is not providing national network programming or the daily prime-time lineups of major broadcasters such as NBC, CBS, ABC and Fox. For example, in San Francisco, the only channel avail-



Mobile TV antenna attachments, known as dongles, are displayed at the NAB Show in Las Vegas on Wednesday, April 10, 2013. On the left, an EyeTV Mobile device made by Elgato, is attached to an iPad. It sells for \$83.98 on Amazon.com. On the right, the Samsung Galaxy S Lightray, sold exclusively through pre-paid carrier MetroPCS for \$409, has an extendable antenna embedded in the device. The miniature TV antenna, which extends about 7 inches out, attaches to iPhones and iPads via their power port, although units are being made for Android devices. After scanning the airwaves for signal, an app will display whatever is on a local TV channel in real time at something less than high-definition quality.

Associated Press

able on the Syncbak app is KTSF, a station that broad-

casts news and dramas in a variety of Asian languages

including Chinese, Tagalog and Vietnamese. □

SAP co-CEO: Cloud computing business profitable



In this Jan. 23, 2013 file picture CEOs Jim Hagemann Snabe and Bill McDermott, right, pose for photographers prior to a press conference in Walldorf, southwestern Germany.

Associated Press

DAVID McHUGH

AP Business Writer

FRANKFURT, Germany (AP)

— The co-CEO of business software maker SAP says its push into cloud computing

is starting to make money — and predicted it would reach profits that rival or exceed those of its traditional business.

The cloud business contrib-

uted about 28 million euros (\$36.72 million) to first-quarter earnings. SAP AG, whose software helps companies manage personnel, sales and customer relations, said Friday its overall net profit rose 17 percent to 520 million euros in the quarter. Revenues grew 7 percent to 3.6 billion euros. "We accelerated into the cloud in a big way about a year ago and already we're making money on it," Bill McDermott told The Associated Press.

In cloud computing, customers pay SAP a subscription fee to use software on SAP's servers rather than installed at the customers' businesses. The approach is a shift from the company's longstanding model of selling software and then profiting both from that and the follow-up services revenue from support and training. SAP and rival Oracle Corp. are both trying to fend off threats from companies

conceived during the past decade to deliver all their software products through the cloud. One of the most successful cloud-computing pioneers, Salesforce.com Inc. now generates more than \$3 billion in annual revenue.

SAP bolstered its cloud computing business by buying Ariba Inc. last year.

In size, it is still dwarfed by the traditional business, but SAP says it is on track to account for 900 million euros in sales over the year. It expects that to more than double to 2 billion euros a year by 2015.

McDermott said that once the cloud business reaches that kind of scale, its profits should exceed those of the core business. That is because renewals of existing customers involve lower sales costs than finding and signing up new ones.

"Over time, it's actually more profitable," he said. □

Stocks edge higher on energy stocks, earns reports

STEVE ROTHWELL
AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Investors remained cautious at the start of a big week for company earnings on Wall Street. About a third of the companies in the Standard &

Poor's 500 index, including Exxon Mobil and Apple, are reporting earnings this week. Analysts currently expect earnings to rise by 2 percent in the first quarter, down from the 7.7 percent increase in the fourth quarter, according to S&P

Capital IQ. While the majority of companies that have reported earnings so far have beaten investors' expectations, concerns remain about the outlook for revenues for the rest of the year. Earnings forecast may need

to be revised lower if the global economy doesn't improve.

"Most of the companies seem to be coming in ahead of earnings expectations, but the thing that's still problematic is the revenue line," said Bill Stone, chief investment strategist at PNC Wealth Management. "To me it's just symptomatic of the global economy continuing to sputter along."

On Monday, the Dow Jones industrial average edged higher as energy stocks got a lift from recovering oil prices and investors focused on results from a key industry player.

The energy industry climbed 1 percent, making it the biggest gainer in the Standard & Poor's 500 index. Oil rose 75 cents, or 0.9 percent, to \$88.76 a barrel Monday. A week ago, crude fell below \$90 a barrel for the first time this year after reports that China's economic growth slowed.

Oil services company Hal-

iburton also gained after its loss wasn't as bad as analysts had forecast. Halliburton rose \$1.75 to \$38.96 after it said that it lost \$18 million in the first quarter, pulled down by \$637 million in charges related to its role in the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill.

Netflix surged 23 percent to \$214.19 in after-hours trading after the company reported that it added 2 million U.S. subscribers to its video streaming service during the first three months of the year. Netflix took a gamble by adding original programming to its service including the critically acclaimed series "House of Cards" in February.

The Dow rose 19.66 points, or 0.1 percent, to 14,567.17. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed up 7.25 points, or 0.5 percent, higher at 1,562.50.

The stock market was coming off its biggest weekly drop since November. Last week the S&P 500 and the Dow each lost 2.1 percent, paring their advances after a strong start to the year.

The news that economic growth had slowed in China set off a plunge in commodity prices last Monday, leading the stock market to its worst day of the year. Gold dropped below \$1,400 an ounce for the first time in two years.

Caterpillar rose \$2.28, or 2.8 percent, to \$82.71. The heavy equipment maker initially fell Monday after lowering its forecasts for full-year sales and profits because its mining business is slowing. The company also said it plans to resume buying back its own stock for the first since 2008 with a buyback of \$1 billion.

Traders appear more likely to punish companies that miss expectations, rather than reward companies that beat them, Goldman Sachs said. According to the investment bank's research, while 63 percent of stocks that beat analysts' forecasts last week performed better than the overall market the next day, 73 percent of those that missed targets performed worse. □



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York, Monday, April 22, 2013. Stocks edged higher on Wall Street at the start of a big week for company earnings. About a third of the companies in the S&P 500, including Exxon Mobil and Apple, are reporting earnings this week. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

Caterpillar 1Q profit shrank; cuts outlook

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MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — A slowdown in the mining business is digging a hole in Caterpillar's profits.

First-quarter profit shrank 45 percent. Caterpillar lowered its expectations for full year sales and profit because its mining business is slowing. Sales of Caterpillar-branded mining machines will drop by half this year, the company said on Monday.

Caterpillar, based in Peoria, Illinois, said mining customers placed big orders for equipment last year, just as mining profits fell, so now those customers are cutting back. Dealers who would normally be stocking up on Caterpillar gear to get ready for a busy summer instead cut inventory during the first quarter. Caterpillar has already started cutting costs. On April 5 it said it would lay off more than 460 employees at a mining truck plant in

Decatur, Illinois. Caterpillar also announced mining-related layoffs in Milwaukee and plans to cut 1,300 of 3,400 jobs at a plant near Brussels that makes excavators, loading vehicles, and engine parts. This year's capital spending — which covers big-ticket items like factories and computer systems — will fall below \$3 billion, down from \$3.4 billion last year.

"We're definitely in a down-cycle right now, but long-term it's a great business for us," Chairman and CEO Doug Oberhelman on a conference call.

The reduced outlook wasn't entirely unexpected and Oberhelman did note some bright spots. Sales in China rose compared to a year ago. And the company is "becoming more optimistic" on the U.S. housing sector. And the company announced it plans to buy back shares — about \$1 billion worth — for the first time since 2008,

following an 11 percent drop in the price this year. That helped Caterpillar shares rise on Monday. They gained 94 cents to \$81.37.

Caterpillar's net income dropped to \$882 million, or \$1.31 per share. Revenue fell 17 percent to \$13.21 billion, from \$15.98 billion a year ago. Both missed analyst expectations. Analysts surveyed by FactSet

were expecting a profit of \$1.36 per share on revenue of \$13.79 billion.

It also cut its 2013 guidance. Caterpillar now expects to earn \$7 per share, down from \$7 to \$9 previously. It forecast revenue of \$57 billion to \$61 billion, down from \$60 billion to \$68 billion. Analysts were expecting a 2013 profit of \$7.67 per share on revenue of \$62.48 billion. □



A member of Caterpillar's earth-moving fleet sits on a construction site. (Handout Photo)

Netflix's 1Q subscriber gains catapult stock

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Netflix's decision to feature original programming on its Internet video service appears to be pulling in more customers. Numbers released Monday showed Netflix Inc. added 2 million U.S. subscribers to its video streaming service during the first

three months of the year. Through March, Netflix had 29.2 million U.S. streaming subscribers. Those first-quarter gains, coupled with signs that Netflix's profit margins are widening, delighted investors. The company's stock soared \$35.33, or 20 per-

cent, to \$209.70 after the results came out. The period was highlighted by the early February debut of "House of Cards," a critically acclaimed series made exclusively for Netflix. The subscriber growth helped Netflix bounce back from a loss at the

same time last year and generate revenue slightly above analyst projections. The company eked out a profit of \$2.7 million, or 5 cents per share, in the quarter. That contrasted with a loss of \$4.6 million, or 8 cents per share, last year. If not for the costs for refi-

nancing some of Netflix's debt, the company said it would have earned 31 cents per share. That figure topped the average analyst estimate of 18 cents per share. Revenue rose 18 percent from last year to \$1.02 billion — about \$7 million above analyst forecasts. □

Survey: Firms still reluctant to make acquisitions

PAN PYLAS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Companies around the world are still reluctant to go on the acquisition trail even though they are becoming more confident about the global economy, a survey found Monday. In its half-yearly assessment of the intentions of big companies, accounting and consultancy firm Ernst & Young said the growing optimism has yet to be translated into more investment or corporate deal-making. The survey was based on responses from 1,600 senior executives in 50 countries, 85 percent of which had annual revenues of more than \$500 million. Ernst & Young found that 51 percent of the executives questioned think the global economy is improving — more than double the level recorded last October. Under normal circumstances, that would normally translate into

companies feeling more confident to splash out on mergers and acquisitions. But the survey only found that 29 percent of companies expect to do a deal in

buy up another organization. "The current situation can best be described as a 'confidence paradox'," said Pip McCrostie, global

sustained recovery before engaging in M&A." Despite the occasional big deal, such as the merger of commodities trading group Glencore International

The recovery since the start of the crisis has been patchy with many regions, including much of Europe and Japan, still struggling to show any economic growth.

Even so, there are some bright spots, according to the Ernst & Young survey. In Brazil, for example, the firm found that 45 percent of executives there plan to make a deal over the coming year. That compares with 29 percent in the U.S., 27 percent in the U.K. and 12 percent in Russia.

The survey found that China remains the number one investment destination, followed by India and Brazil. The U.S., the world's largest economy, is also in the top five along with Canada. Among sectors, the survey found that technology, automotive, life sciences, consumer products and oil and gas, remain the most likely to see deal activity, with sectors such as mining and utilities bringing up the rear. □



The Glencore headquarters in Baar, Switzerland. Commodities trader Glencore says Chinese regulators have approved its proposed merger with mining company Xstrata PLC.

(AP Photo/Urs Flueeler)

the coming year. When asked how they would expand the business if they had enough cash, 45 percent said they would sooner invest in-house than

head of transactions at the firm. "In the past few years, global M&A volumes have de-coupled from historical indicators Executives are continuing to wait for a

crisis rise and turned many executives risk-averse — pushing them to reduce their debt levels and increase the amount of cash they held.

News Corp. insurers pay \$139M in shareholder suit

NEW YORK (AP) — News Corp. has reached a \$139 million settlement in shareholder lawsuits over the British phone hacking scandal and the controversial purchase of an entertainment company run by founder Rupert Murdoch's daughter. The company also said Monday that it has agreed to corporate governance reforms including a whistleblower hotline and an annual review of the independence of current and prospective board members. The reforms will remain in place through at

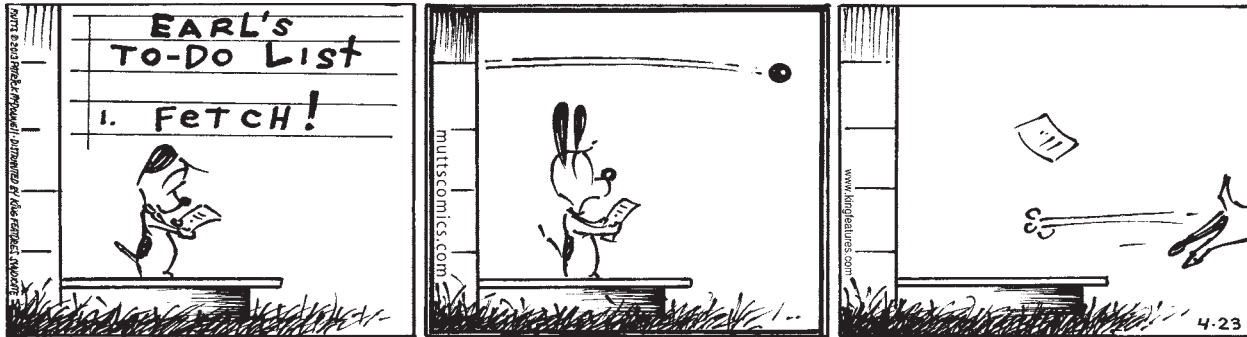
least 2016. The insurers backing News Corp.'s board will pay the company \$139 million to settle the lawsuits. The cash, after subtracting fees for the plaintiffs' lawyers, will benefit shareholders indirectly by going into the company's coffers. It will go part of the way to covering some of the \$346 million the company has spent so far on probes related to the hacking scandal, which burst into the open in the summer of 2011. The company is still dealing with the fallout. Last week, Fergus Shana-

han, executive editor at News Corp.'s Sun newspaper in Britain, was charged with authorizing bribes to a government official. Shareholders had also argued that News Corp. overpaid when it bought Elisabeth Murdoch's Shine Group, a TV production company, for 290 million pounds, then worth about \$470 million, in April 2011. Mark Lebovitch, a head lawyer for the plaintiffs, said the money and the corporate governance reforms were significant. "If you compare the company's governance and

compliance today to where it was when the lawsuit was filed, you would see some really significant improvement," Lebovitch said. In one example of the changes, News Corp. in August named its general counsel, Gerson Zweifach, as its chief compliance officer, a position mandated in the settlement. The reforms don't change News Corp.'s dual-class share structure, which allows CEO Murdoch to control the company through the 40 percent of voting shares he controls through

a family trust. News Corp. is preparing this summer to split into two companies — one containing its newspaper and publishing assets, and the other containing its TV and movie properties — and the settlement resolves an issue that had been hanging over the company without it having to admit to wrongdoing. "We are pleased to have resolved this matter," the company said in a statement. News Corp. shares rose 43 cents, or 1.4 percent, to close at \$31.64 Monday. □

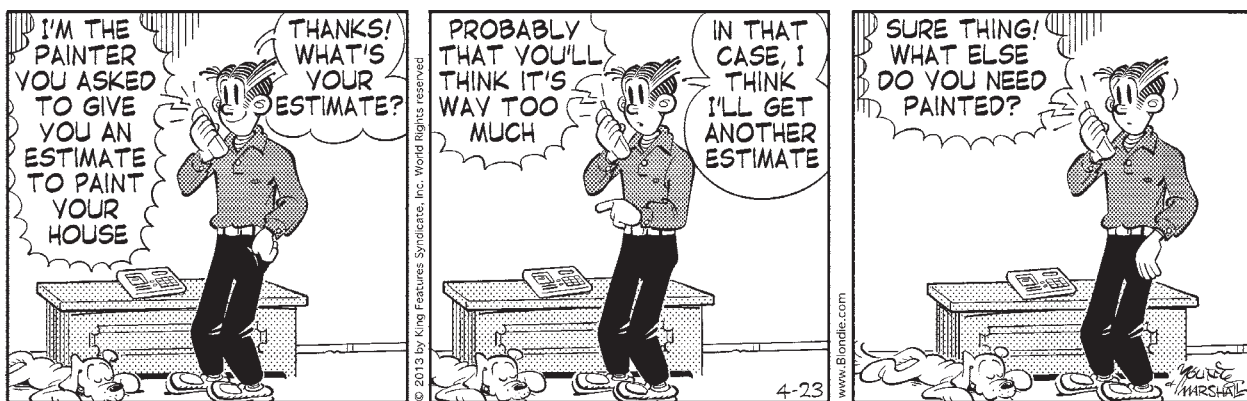
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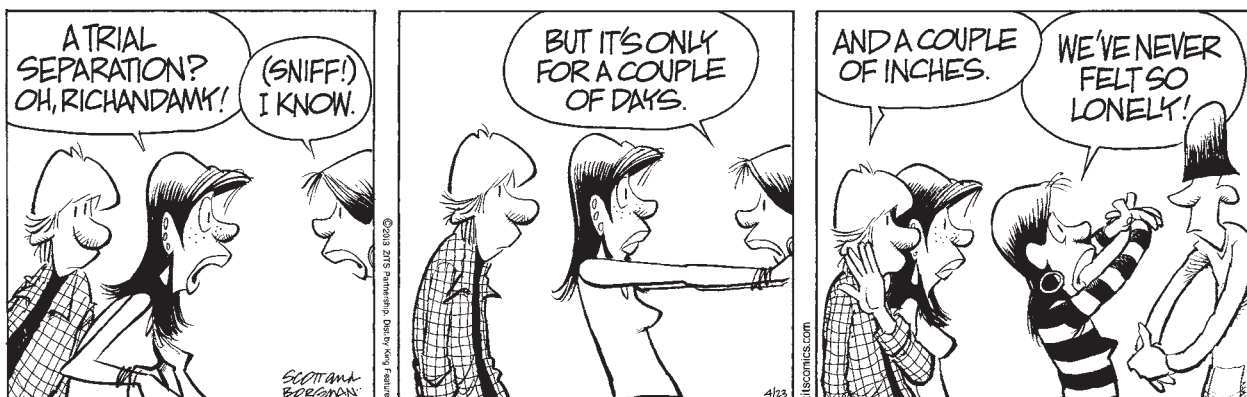
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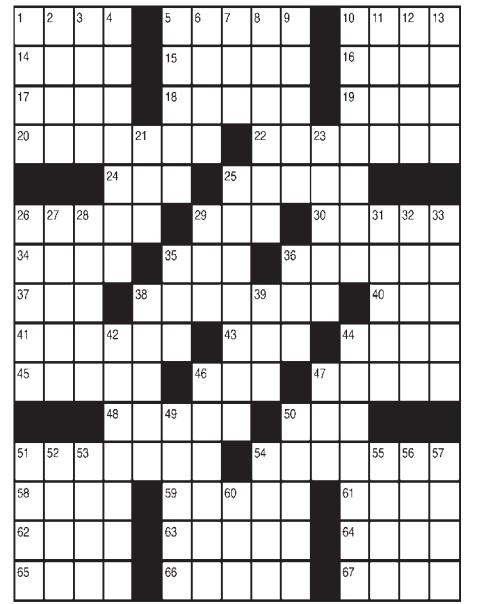
Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

Yesterday's puzzle answer

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Monday's Puzzle Solved

3	Sorrowful drop	38	Fragrant wood	50	Puts in order
4	Gofer's tasks	39	Religious sister	51	Amazed
5	Baby bird's cry	42	Keep one's __; remain steady	52	Daddy
6	Boys	44	Bidding sale	53	Stiffly formal
7	Assistance	46	__ to; feel	54	Waist strap
8	Customer	47	__ up; arrange	55	Easy stride
9	__ over; faints	49	Actor Romero	56	Pitcher
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13	Like a messy fountain pen				
21	Motorist's need				
23	Train station				
25	Eight-armed sea creature				
26	Begin				
27	Four-bagger				
28	Follow as a result of				
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35	Male child				
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Column: When your name is prominent, but you are not

ROBERT KRAFT

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I've been flying most of my career. As a musician in the early days, I was flying all the time between New York and Los Angeles, and then I started working with Jim Henson and I was adding London into the mix.

I was chief executive and president of Fox Music for 18 years, and in that position I was flying all the time, too. The locales got a little more exotic, from small Czech villages one week, to Australia or Thailand the following month. Now that I'm out on my own, after starting Kraftbox Entertainment last year, I'm still flying a lot.

The big difference is that I no longer have a big corporate travel office to make my reservations. Now I do it on my own, and honestly, I'm not particularly good at it, which is really embarrassing and humbling.

A few months ago, I needed to fly to London from New York City. I went online and bought my ticket, selecting a flight that left Kennedy Airport for Heathrow at 7:40. At about 4 that afternoon, I looked online to see if my flight was on time, and noticed that the website said, "This flight has already departed and arrived."

I rebooted the site, assuming it was inaccurate. When the same information came up again, I called the airline, intending to let them know their website was wrong and they were experiencing some kind of computer glitch.

I made my call, feeling pretty righteous, only to be very politely informed that the flight indeed left Kennedy at 7:40. But that was 7:40 in the morning, not 7:40 in the evening, as I thought. The agent had the good grace not to laugh. I felt stupid.

Since I missed the flight, my entire itinerary, including my return flight to my home in Los Angeles, had been canceled. I elected to postpone my trip, and bought a coach ticket

back to Los Angeles later that evening. It felt like a very long flight.

Everyone is thinking about Boston. The tragedy just plain hurts. I love that city and I'm sad. I'm praying for wisdom and strength.

I fly to Boston a few times

Logan Airport in Boston a few days before a big Patriots playoff game.

As I boarded the plane, an attendant said, "We are so thrilled and honored to have you flying with us." She mentioned that "everything has been taken

was the other Robert Kraft. It got weirder when I landed. I usually take a cab to Cambridge, but my flight arrived late at night. It was freezing, so I hired a local car service. I waited on the platform as every other cab and car drove off, until I was finally the only one left outside, except for a long, black stretch limousine.

After a few more moments in the Arctic temperature, I tapped on the limo window and asked the driver who he was waiting for. He said, "Robert Kraft." I said, "I'm Robert Kraft." The driver gave me a withering gaze and said, "No you're not."

He knew what Robert Kraft looked like and he didn't look like me. After some back and forth and a peek at my driver's license, the driver relented and I got my ride. Beautiful, wonderful Beantown. I love it. And that driver.

Q: How often do you fly for business?

A: Two times a month domestic, and every other month overseas. □



Robert Kraft, the chief executive of Kraftbox Entertainment in Hollywood and the former president of Fox Music, in Valencia, Spain. When traveling, Kraft occasionally benefits from sharing his name with the much more famous Robert Kraft, the owner of the New England Patriots.

(Beth Kraft via The New York Times)

a year for meetings, and occasionally benefit from the fact that I share my name with the much more famous Robert Kraft, the owner of the New England Patriots. A few years ago, I flew from Los Angeles to

care of," and ushered me into a first-class seat. I asked no questions. I'm a frequent flier on this airline and thought maybe they were being exceptionally generous, except deep inside I think they thought I

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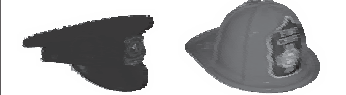
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U.S. teens doing better than public realizes: survey

By PHILIP ELLIOTT

Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) —

American teenagers aren't doing as poorly on international science tests as adults think. Despite the misconception, people don't think the subject should get greater emphasis in schools, a survey released Monday found.

More Americans than not wrongly think that U.S. 15-year-olds rank near the bottom on international science tests, according to a Pew Research Center for the People and the Press poll. U.S. students actually rank in the middle among developed countries.

Even so, Americans are more likely to pick math or language skills over science when they are asked which subject they think deserves greater attention. Among adults, there is wide variety in what they know about science and technology, the survey also found. For instance, two-thirds of those surveyed correctly said rust is an example of a chemical reaction and 77 percent correctly said the continents have been moving for millions of years and will continue to shift.

Yet only 47 percent correctly said electrons are smaller than atoms. Protons, neutrons and electrons are parts of atoms.

Education advocates have long warned that U.S. students need more science education if they are to keep pace with international peers. That perhaps has yielded the impression that the nation's students don't stack up to other nations on international tests. About 35 percent of those surveyed by Pew correctly said U.S. 15-year-olds are about in the middle and



President Barack Obama talks with Darius Hooker, 19, center, and Wesley Carter, 18, both from Memphis Tenn., who took part in Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC), as Obama hosts the White House Science Fair in the State Dining Room of the White House in Washington, Monday, April 22, 2013, to celebrate the student winners of a broad range of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) competitions from across the country.

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7 percent incorrectly said Americans ranked among the top nations. Yet the plurality — 44 percent — wrongly said American teens were ranked at the bottom of other developed nations.

International tests find U.S. scores aren't measurably different from the average of all other nations. Among the 33 countries measured in the 2009 Program for International Student Assessment, 12 had higher scores and nine had lower scores. Another 12 had scores that weren't that much different than Americans' scores.

The survey also asked participants an open-ended question about which single subject they thought deserved greater emphasis in elementary and secondary schools. Some 30 percent suggested math and arithmetic. Another 19 percent said English, grammar, writing and reading. Science was the top choice for just 11 percent of participants. Among those who picked science, though, there was a partisan divide.

Some 17 percent of Democrats said science should receive more attention, while 7 percent of Republicans agreed.

Republicans, however,

were more likely to favor math and arithmetic than Democrats. Some 35 percent of Republicans picked math skills as the subject they thought deserved more attention while 24 percent of Democrats agreed.

Americans with college degrees were more likely than others to underestimate the students' international rankings. Those college graduates were also more likely to answer their own questions about science and technology correctly.

For instance, 76 percent of college graduates correctly identified carbon dioxide as the gas that most

scientists blame for climate change. Just 55 percent of those with some college courses got the answer right, and that number reached 49 percent among adults who did not attend college.

Pew's poll was conducted March 7-10 and used landline and cellular telephone interviews with 1,006 adults. Results for the full sample have a margin of error of plus or minus 3.7 percentage points. It is larger for subgroups.

The survey was conducted with Smithsonian Magazine for an upcoming edition focusing on science, technology, engineering and mathematics education. □

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In this March 23, 2013 file photo, Khloe Kardashian arrives at the 26th annual Nickelodeon's Kids' Choice Awards, in Los Angeles.

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Khloe Kardashian out as 'X Factor' judge

NEW YORK (AP) — Khloe Kardashian is left out following the latest game of musical chairs on "The X Factor." Fox said Monday that while Mario Lopez is returning this autumn as host of Simon Cowell's music competition series, Kardashian will not be joining him. Cowell's series, which has

never quite met ratings expectations, is in the midst of turnover with its judging panel, too. Cowell and Demi Lovato will be returning, but Britney Spears and record producer Antonio "L.A." Reid left and have not been replaced yet. The show starts its third season in the fall. □

Witherspoon 'embarrassed' by arrest; hearing reset

KATE BRUMBACK
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — A court hearing on a disorderly conduct charge has been rescheduled for actress Reese Witherspoon, who said she is "deeply embarrassed" by what she said to a state trooper during a traffic stop in Atlanta. Witherspoon's case was scheduled for a Monday morning hearing, but it was reset for May 22. She was arrested Friday. The Oscar-winning actress released a statement late Sunday apologizing for her behavior when her husband, Hollywood agent Jim Toth, was arrested and accused of driving under the influence of alcohol. Toth also had a hearing set for Monday, but it was rescheduled for May 23. The actress didn't appear in court. She was in New York on Sunday night attending the premiere of her new movie "Mud." She posed for cameras on the red carpet but did not stop to talk to reporters. "Do you know my name?" Witherspoon is quoted as

saying in a state trooper's report of the early Friday incident. She also said: "You're about to find out who I am" and "You're about to be on national news," according to the report.

"I clearly had one drink too many and I am deeply embarrassed about the things I said," Witherspoon said. "It was definitely a scary situation and I was frightened for my husband, but that is no excuse. I was disrespectful to the officer who was just doing his job. The words I used that night definitely do not reflect who I am. I have nothing but respect for the police and I'm very sorry for my behavior."

Witherspoon said she can't comment further "out of respect" for the pending case, and her publicist, Meredith O'Sullivan Wasson, offered no other details. The 37-year-old actress was arrested on a municipal charge of disorderly conduct after a state trooper said she wouldn't stay in the car while Toth was given a field sobriety test.



Reese Witherspoon arrives for The Cinema Society's screening of "Mud" presented by FIJI Water, Sunday, April 21, 2013, in New York.

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The trooper noticed the car driven by her husband wasn't staying in its lane early Friday morning, so he pulled the couple over. He reported that Toth had droopy eyelids, watery, bloodshot eyes, and his breath smelled strongly of alcohol.

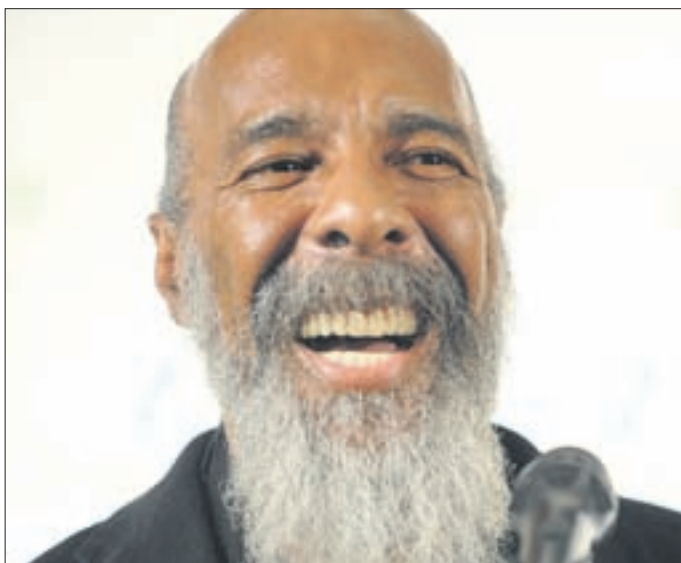
Toth told the trooper he'd had a drink, which Witherspoon said was consumed at a restaurant two hours before the traffic stop, the trooper wrote. □

Woodstock singer Havens, 72, dies of heart attack

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NEW YORK (AP) — Richie Havens, the folk singer and guitarist who was the first performer at the 1969 Woodstock Festival, died Monday. He was 72. Havens died of a heart attack in New Jersey, his family said in a statement. He was born in Brooklyn. Havens was known for his crafty guitar work and cover songs, including his well-received cover of Bob Dylan's "Just Like a Woman." His performance at the three-day 1969 Woodstock Festival, where headliners included Jimi Hendrix, was a turning point in his career. He was the first act to hit the stage, performing for nearly three hours.

His performance of "Freedom" — based from the spiritual "Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child" — became an anthem. Havens returned to the site during Woodstock's 40th anniversary in 2009. "Everything in my life, and so many others, is attached to that train," he said in an interview that year with The Associated Press. Woodstock remains one of the events that continues to define the 1960s in the popular imagination. Performers included The Who, Janis Joplin, Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young and dozens of others, and the trippy anarchy of Woodstock has become legendary. There was lots of nudity, casual sex, dirty dancing and open drug use. The



In this May 3, 2009 file photo, singer Richie Havens makes an appearance in the press room at the Clearwater Concert celebrating Pete Seeger's 90th birthday at Madison Square Garden, in New York.

Associated Press

stage announcer famously warned people to steer clear of the brown acid. Havens had originally been

scheduled to go on fifth but got bumped up because of travel delays. Festival producer Michael Lang

said in the book "The Road to Woodstock" that he chose Havens "because of his calm but powerful demeanor."

His performance lasted hours because the next act hadn't showed up. "So I'd go back and sing three more," Havens said in an interview with NPR. "This happened six times. So I sung every song I knew." Havens' website said he had kidney surgery in 2010 and that he never recovered enough to perform concerts like he used to. He performed at Bill Clinton's presidential Inauguration in 1993.

Havens, whose breakthrough album "Mixed Bag" came out on Verve Forecast in 1967, released more than 25 albums. □



This Dec. 8, 2012 file photo shows South Korean pop star PSY during the Y100's Jingle Ball 2012 at the BB&T Center in Ft Lauderdale, Fla.

Associated Press.

PSY's new single 'Gentleman' continues record run

NEW YORK (AP) — PSY continues to set records on YouTube. The South Korean pop star hit another mark for viral views with his new single "Gentleman," earning 38 million views in a single day as it set a blistering pace to 200 million views. Kevin Allocca, YouTube's trends manager, says "Gentleman" was viewed 38 million times on April 14, surpassing the single-day record of 30 million set by

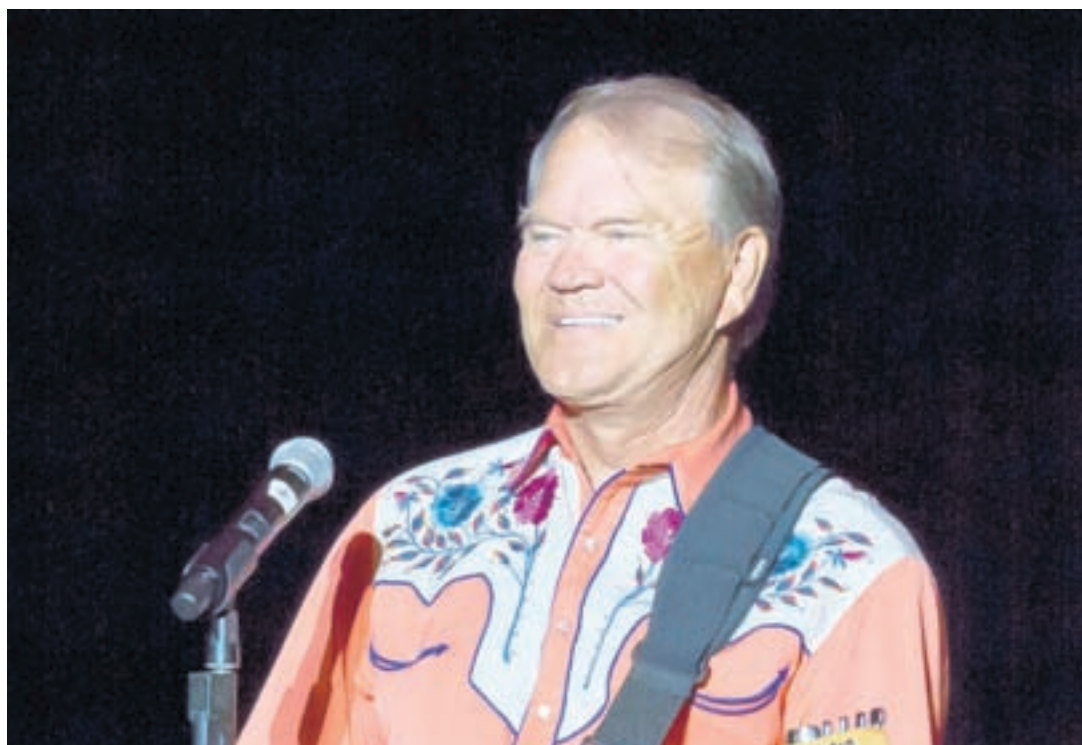
the "KONY 2012" short film. It also holds the day-of-debut record with 18.5 million views. PSY's "Gangnam Style" is YouTube's most-viewed video at 1.5 billion. "Gentleman" reached 100 million views in four days and was approaching 204 million views Monday afternoon. It's not clear if those are records, but it took "Gangnam Style" more than 50 days to reach 100 million views. □

Comedy Central to launch Twitter comedy festival

NEW YORK (AP) — Putting a new test to the adage that brevity is the soul of wit, Comedy Central is partnering with Twitter for a comedy festival played out in 140 characters and six-second videos. The Viacom Inc.-owned network said Sunday that the festival with the hashtag "ComedyFest" will debut April 29. Over five days, comedians will tweet jokes and post videos with the recently launched vid-

eo app Vine, which limits footage to six seconds. The launch of the festival, which Comedy Central is expected to officially announce Monday, was first reported by The New York Times. Kicking off the social media festival will be an event Monday in Los Angeles featuring Rob Reiner, Judd Apatow and Mel Brooks. So far, Brooks is a Twitter holdout. □

Glen Campbell ends touring career, to release new album



This Sept. 6, 2012 file photo shows singer Glen Campbell performing during his Goodbye Tour in Little Rock, Ark.

Associated Press

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— Glen Campbell's Alzheimer's disease has progressed too far to allow him to continue touring. Instead, he'll spend his 77th birthday on Monday in Washington as an advocate for Alzheimer's research. The trip includes a fundraising dinner for the Alzheimer's Association and a visit to Capitol Hill, where he'll visit the Senate. Alzheimer's has robbed Campbell of many of his best memories, gained over a lifetime as an entertainment icon who was a pop star, a groundbreaking session musician, an actor and TV variety show host. But it hasn't taken everything. Campbell will release a new album, "See You There," on July 30. It's a reimagining of some of his most popular songs, recorded by Julian Raymond during the same sessions that produced Campbell's last studio album of all new material, 2011's "Ghost on the Canvas." The album offers new versions of his biggest hits like "Wichita Lineman," "By the Time I Get to Phoenix," "Rhinstone Cowboy" and "Hey Little One."

In a brief interview, Campbell said of the songs: "Oh, they're great. Those are great."

His wife, Kim Campbell, says her husband still occasionally lays down vocal tracks in the studio but the disease has progressed too far to allow him to continue touring, something the family and Campbell's management left open when he wrapped up his successful goodbye world tour last year.

"Glen still wants to record, but it's just a matter of if he's able to," Kim Campbell said. "It just gets more and more difficult for him all the time."

He remains healthy and vigorous and continues to play golf. His family invites musicians over to the house from time to time — songwriter Jimmy Webb, who wrote some of Campbell's most iconic hits, visited with his family over the weekend — and Campbell joins in on jam sessions, playing the guitar as if the progressive, irreversible neurological disorder has yet to touch his muscle memory. "We're trying to live our lives and stay out there and socialize as much as we can as long as we can," she said. "The other night we went to see

Merle Haggard and hung out with Toby Keith on his bus. ... Everybody played different songs and had a great time. So we're still out there trying to do that kind of stuff. But eventually we might not be able to do that."

Surfdog Records owner Dave Kaplan says "See You There" is meant to feel like sitting next to Campbell in the living room, the way he was introduced to him on "The Goodtime Hour." The singer's voice has changed enough with age that the songs take on a new life. Kaplan took Raymond's vocal recordings and surrounded them with music meant to leave lots of space for the singer's voice.

"I was immediately struck that they were kind of intimate and they definitely shook your spine," Kaplan said. "They were haunting and stunning and had this new intimacy in a way I hadn't heard these songs." It was hearing Campbell sing "Hey Little One," with its simple opening, that convinced Kaplan it was OK to mess with the perfection of the originals. "You just don't hear that on planet Earth," he said. "You don't just hear that. That sealed the deal in three words." □

No Bully In The Pulpit



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WASHINGTON – The graying man flashing fury in the Rose Garden on behalf of the Newtown families, the grieving man wiping away tears after speaking at the Boston memorial service, is not the same man who glided into office four years ago. President Barack Obama has watched the blood-dimmed tide drowning the ceremony of innocence, as Yeats wrote, and he has learned how to emotionally connect with Americans in searing moments, as he did from the White House late Friday night after the second bombing suspect was apprehended in Boston. Unfortunately, he still has not learned how to govern.

How is it that the president won the argument on gun safety with the public and lost the vote in the Senate? It's because he doesn't know how to work the system. And it's clear now that he doesn't want to learn, or to even hire some clever people who can tell him how to do it or do it for him. It's unbelievable that with 90 percent of Americans on his side, he could get only 54 votes in the Senate. It was a glaring example of his weakness in using leverage to get what he wants. No one on Capitol Hill is scared of him.

Even House Republicans who had no intention of voting for the gun bill marveled privately that the president could not muster 60 votes in a Senate that his party controls. Obama thinks he can use emotion to bring pressure on Congress. But that's not how adults with power respond to things. He chooses not to get down in the weeds and pretend he values the stroking and other little things that matter to lawmakers. After the Newtown massacre, he and his aides hashed it out and decided he would look cold and unsympathetic if he didn't push for some new regulations. To thunderous applause at the State of the Union, the president said, "The families of Newtown deserve a vote." Then, as usual, he took his foot off the gas, lost momentum and confided his pessimism to journalists. The White House had a defeatist mantra: This is tough. We need to do it. But we're probably going to lose.

When you go into a fight saying you're probably going to lose, you're probably going to lose. The president once more delegated to the vice president. Couldn't he have come to the Hill himself to lobby with the families and Joe Biden?

The White House should have created a war room full of charts with the names of pols they had to capture, like they had in "The American President." Soaring speeches have their place, but this was about blocking and tackling.

Instead of the pit-bull legislative aides in Aaron Sorkin's movie, Obama has Miguel Rodriguez, an arm-twister so genteel that The Washington Post's Philip Rucker wrote recently that no one in Congress even knows who he is.

The president was oblivious to red-state Democrats facing tough elections. Bring the Alaskan Democrat Mark Begich to the White House residence, hand him a drink, and say, "How can we make this a bill you can vote for and defend?"

Sometimes you must leave the high road and fetch your brass knuckles. Obama should have called Sen. Heidi Heitkamp of North Dakota over to the Oval Office and put on the squeeze: "Heidi, you're brand new and you're going to have a long career. You work with us, we'll work with you. Public opinion is moving fast on this issue. The reason you get a six-year term is so you can have the guts to make tough votes. This is a totally defensible bill back home. It's about background checks, nothing to do with access to guns. Heidi, you're a mother. Think of those little kids dying in schoolrooms."

Obama had to persuade some Republican senators in states that he won in 2012. He should have gone out to Ohio, New Hampshire and Nevada and had big rallies to get the public riled up to put pressure on Rob Portman, Kelly Ayotte and Dean Heller, giving notice that they would pay a price if they spurned him on this.

Sen. Tom Coburn, R-Okla., is one of the few people on the Hill that the president actually considers a friend. Obama wrote a paean to Coburn in the new Time 100 issue, which came out just as Coburn sabotaged his own initial effort to help the bill.

Obama should have pressed his buddy: "Hey, Tom, just this once, why don't you do more than just talk about making an agreement with the Democrats? You're not running again. Do something big."

Couldn't the president have given his Rose Garden speech about the "shameful" actions in Washington before the vote rather than after?

There were ways to get to 60 votes. The White House just had to scratch it out with a real strategy and a never-let-go attitude. Obama hates selling. He thinks people should just accept the right thing to do. But as Joe Manchin, D-W.Va., noted, senators have their own tough selling job to do back home. "In the end you can really believe in something," he told The Times' Jennifer Steinhauer, "but you have to go sell it."

The president said the Newtown families deserved a vote. But he was setting his sights too low. They deserved a law. □



Worlds Away From Here



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And now for some counter-programming. You probably missed it, what with the Boston Marathon bombing, the ricin-laced letters, the fertilizer plant explosion and an entire city locked down while cops hunted the bombing suspect, but we discovered another world last week. Two, actually – both somewhat larger than Earth, circling a star with the sadly unromantic name of Kepler 62, 1,200 light-years away.

These planets are not the first Earth-like bodies astronomers have discovered, but their size and position make them particularly promising candidates to have liquid water – and with it, perhaps, some form of life. But their promise only adds to a mystery that's been building the further our probes and telescopes have pushed into the unknown. If Earth-like planets are relatively common, as scientists increasingly believe, then where are all the Earth-like civilizations?

This mystery is known as the Fermi paradox, after the physicist Enrico Fermi, who raised it at lunch with fellow scientists in 1950. He pointed out that our sun is a relatively young star, and billions of other suns are billions of years older. If even a tiny fraction of those suns have planets like ours, and even a tiny fraction of those planets developed life, and even a tiny fraction of those life forms achieved human-level intelligence ... well, the number of civilizations capable of interstellar communication and travel

should be theoretically large enough to crowd our galaxy with signals, ships, artifacts.

In which case, Fermi asked, Where is everybody?

The potential answers to this question can feel as numberless as the stars themselves. (The Wikipedia entry on the Fermi paradox runs to just over 10,000 words.) But two seem particularly plausible. Perhaps life and consciousness are rare enough, mysterious enough, impossible enough, that even multiplying Earth-like worlds a billion times over would not necessarily produce either one again. Or alternatively, perhaps the gulfs between the stars are just too wide to bridge, and our current limited attempts at exploration are as far as any creatures of flesh and blood can ever hope to get. The first possibility obviously raises theological as well as scientific questions. In one sense, it elevates humanity, restoring us to an almost pre-Copernican position in the cosmos. At the same time, though, plenty of religious believers are untroubled (or even inspired) by the idea of extraterrestrial life, while the possibility that the cosmos might be as empty as it is vast raises troubling questions about what, exactly, its Designer had in mind. ("The eternal silence of these infinite spaces fills me with dread," wrote the great Christian philosopher Blaise Pascal.) Maybe, an optimistic believer might venture, the cosmos only seems empty because we haven't fulfilled our destiny and populated it. But here the second possible answer to Fermi's paradox intervenes: What if it can't be populated at all? What if our own solar system is as far as we'll ever get?

Obviously that's not a question we're presently equipped to answer, after less than 60 years of spaceflight. But it haunts our era in subtle, unacknowledged ways.

There's a sense in which Frederick Jackson Turner's 1893 ar-

gument about how the idea of the frontier shaped U.S. history can apply to the entire modern project. Exploration, expansion, the promise that a better life was just a long voyage away – all of these helped fuel the sense of historical mission, the assumption of perpetual progress, which shaped and defined the modern age. Go back and read the science fiction of the 1940s and '50s, and you'll be struck by the vaulting confidence that this expansion would continue upward and outward, and that a new age of exploration was just waiting to be born. Today that confidence has vanished. Our Mars rovers are impressive and our billionaires keep pouring money into private spaceflight, but neither project captures the public's imagination, and the very term "Space Age" seems antique. The Kepler 62 discovery might have earned more headlines at a less horrific moment, but it would have fallen out of the news soon enough.

It's possible that we're less interested in space travel because we feel that it's a luxury good at a time when we have bigger problems here on Earth. But it's also possible that we've gradually turned inward, to our smartphone screens and Facebook profiles, because we know that spaceflight isn't going to get us to another world anytime soon. Obviously exploration is not a cure for unhappiness or evil. But it can be an antidote to the mix of anxiety and exhaustion that seems to permeate the developed world these days.

And after a week as grimly claustrophobic as this one, with its spasms of nihilistic violence, its frantic online rumor mill, its locked-down Boston streets, it seems worth hoping that the human desire for wider horizons – for new worlds to wonder at, reach for and understand – will someday be fulfilled again.

Time to get to work on that warp drive. □

Fashion Rio delivers bikinis in mesh and rigid metal

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AP Fashion Writer

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — Just how complicated can the Brazilian bikini, among the skimpiest iterations of the simple spandex triangle and string design, possibly get?

Judging from the innovative, inventive and some downright strange beachwear options that hit the runways during Fashion Rio, the seaside metropolis' five-daylong fashion showcase, the sky's the limit. The spring-summer 2013-14 edition, featuring collections by about two dozen designers, wrapped up late Friday night.

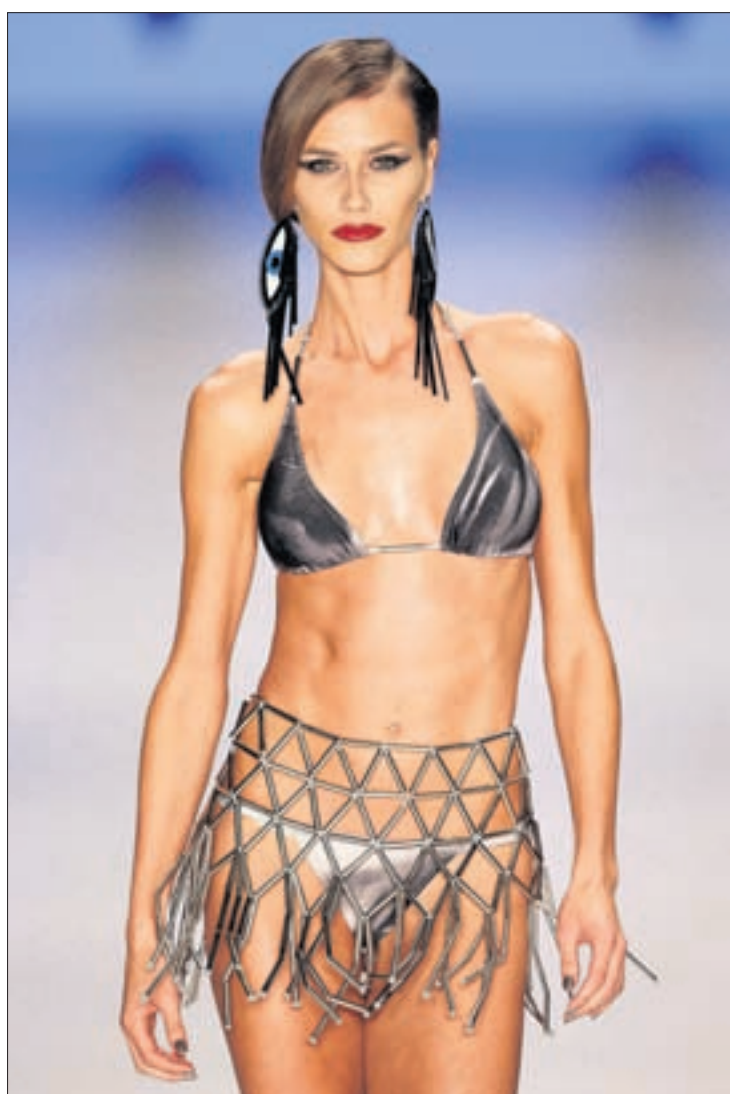
At Blue Man, there were bikinis in see-through mesh, made legal in this country where skinny dipping is permitted only on a handful of beaches by strategically placed lozenges of fabric in Technicolor tropical prints. And in case hitting the beach in what essentially amounted to psychedelic censor bars doesn't appeal, the label had many a fuller-coverage offering on display, including a few all-enveloping, long-sleeve unitards whose sexiest features were zippers running all the way up the models' prominent spinal columns.

For those looking for more of a happy medium, there were a host of bikinis — with string or bandeau tops, low- or high-rise bottoms — in colonial watercolor and tropical hothouse prints.

Among the few shows held outside the special tents set up at a marina on the city's picture postcard Guanabara Bay, the Blue Man display took place at the former residence of the Portuguese ambassador, a sumptuous colonial mansion with sprawling tropical gardens.

A monkey in a nearby tree took in the show with a look of nonplussed nonchalance, as if to say he'd seen better. The homo sapien guests, however, were duly impressed, applauding and hooting with gusto.

Lenny Niemeyer opened her show with a long-sleeve one-piece that looked like the lovechild of a swimsuit and a sweatshirt. Made from a thick material that held its sculptural shape, the suit had puffy sleeves that appeared as if they'd been grafted from a schlumpy sweatshirt onto a racy leotard. Not necessarily the most weather-appropriate design for the tropics, but certainly an eye-grabber.



A model wears a creation from the Triya summer collection during Fashion Rio in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana)

Other unmissable looks from Neimeyer, whose bold lines and use of subtle earthy hues have catapulted her to international fame, included turtleneck one-pieces kitted out with

flippy little skirts and skimpy bikinis that looked like they'd been made out of scuba suits.

Triya delivered a rigid metal bandeau top that look like it had been made

from a cast of the model's chest. But it was the katan printed with a photo from Helmut Newton's "Big Nudes" series that really had the spectators doing a double-take.

Salinas, the well-heeled teens' label of choice, eased off the saccharine and toned down the screaming pinks, delivering an unusually sophisticated collection dominated by black and white polka dots. The theme was "La Dolce Vita," and competing snippets from the soundtracks of classic Italian movies from the 1960s blared over the loudspeakers as the models strutted the polka-dotted catwalk in vertiginous heels. The label blurred the usually well-defined line between one pieces and bikinis, sending out spotted bandeau tops with high-rise granny pants bottoms or itsy-bitsy bottoms with a maxi-top that nearly reached the models' navels. Both looks left only the thinnest strip of exposed skin between top and bottom.

While the swimwear shows are always the highlight of Rio's summer lineup, most of the labels field daywear. Top daywear displays included Oh, Boy!, which fielded a collection of denim shorts and tops so abbreviated and so laden with tassels, studs, rhinestones, patches and other embellishments they hit the sweet spot where tacky becomes fabulous.

Reserva lived up to its reputation as Rio's answer to the intellectual Belgian label Martin Margiela with a performance-influenced show that was heavy on concept, light on actual clothes. The show, among the week's sole menswear displays, saw a parade of hipster-looking male models from whose backs emerged clothes racks, each hung with a costume that dangled a meter (yard) in front of them, as if to suggest the remarkable character they had lurking inside — a pirate, Superman, Fred Flintstone — beneath the unremarkable streetwear. □



Models wear creations from the Lenny summer collection during Fashion Rio in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

(AP Photo/Felipe Dana)